



**Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology  
77 South High Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215**

**Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 14, 2012**

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chairperson, Helene Levenfus, Au.D., held at Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 77 South High St., 31<sup>st</sup> Floor- Board Room, Columbus, OH 43215.

**Board Members – Roll Call:**

Helene Levenfus, Au.D., Audiology Board Member and Chairperson

Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member and Vice Chairperson

Loretta T. Embry, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member

Patricia L. Leppla, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member

Malcolm J. Porter, Public Member

Elizabeth L. Tracy, Public Member

**Board Members Absent:**

Karen K. Mitchell, Au.D., Audiology Board Member

**Also Present:**

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Darlene Young, Administrative Assistant

Brandy R. Thomas, Administrative Assistant

Connie J. Stansberry, Investigator

Melissa L. Wilburn, Assistant Attorney General

**OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

There were no comments.

**AGENDA**

The agenda for the August 14, 2012, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

**Motion #1**

Ms. Embry moved to accept the agenda as submitted. Ms. Thorpe Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 19, 2012 board meeting were reviewed.

**Motion #2**

Ms. Tracy moved to accept the minutes of the June 19, 2012 board meeting. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Porter abstained.

**CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Dr. Levenfus extended a warm welcome to everyone in attendance at the meeting. She thanked Ms. Thorpe Wiley for fulfilling the Board Chairperson duties during the second week of July. Dr. Levenfus thanked Ms. Embry, Ms. Leppla, and Ms. Thorpe Wiley for their input on inquiries received related to scope of practice and ethical dilemmas. She also thanked the Board staff for their outstanding work.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Thornton submitted a written report of significant activities occurring since the last Board meeting. He provided updates regarding:

- Significant meetings, presentations, and events;
- Board's final revenue and expenditures for FY2012 and year-to-date revenue and expenditures for FY2013;
- Number of license verification letters issued since the last meeting;
- Significant legislation;
- Summer quarter eNewsletter, which was distributed on August 6, 2012;
- Progress of the Internet Hearing Aid Sales Workgroup;
- Status of implementation of the State Auditor's recommendations;
- Licensure renewal campaign for 2012.

**INVESTIGATIONS****A. Executive Session****Motion #3**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against licensees, involving pending or imminent court action under R.C.

§121.22.(G)(3), and which requires that such matters be kept confidential under R.C. §149.43.(A)(2). Ms. Embry seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Ms. Leppla: yes; Mr. Porter: yes; Ms. Thorpe Wiley: yes; Ms. Tracy: yes.

*The Board went into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. and invited the Board staff to remain in attendance.*

*The Board returned to Public Session at 10:03 a.m.*

## **B. Board Actions**

### **2013-01**

This case involves an Ohio Hearing Aid Dealer and Fitter who owns a hearing aid business in Ohio. He disseminated a misleading written advertisement that reads, "Call to schedule a complimentary hearing and speech evaluation." His website is also misleading. It advertises that the company offers hearing and speech evaluations, claiming, "We are the only operation to perform multiple speech tests, including speech in noise testing." He does not have a speech-language pathologist on staff. Accordingly, the Investigative Review Group (IRG) recommends the Board issue a Cease and Desist for violation of Ohio Revised Code sections 4753.01(A) and 4753.12(A), requesting that the Respondent correct the wording of his misleading printed advertisement, and website.

### **Motion #4**

Ms. Leppla moved to accept the Investigative Review Group's recommendation in case 2013-01. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed uncontested.

## **C. Investigative Report – Ms. Stansberry**

<b>OPENED</b>	Cases since the last Board Meeting 6/19/2012	15
<b>CLOSED</b>	Cases since the last board meeting 6/19/2012	16
<b>Referrals</b>	Of total open cases	9
<b>TOTAL Open</b>	After Closing Cases Today	12

### **Of the cases currently open (and after closing any cases today):**

Aide changed supervisors but no application filed	0
Billing Fraud/Falsified Records	0
CE Audit issues	0
CE Review of Re-Licensure and/or Restoration for Inactive to Active application	0
Conviction application review	0
Deceased (verified)	0
Denied Refund	0
Discontinued Pursuit of Ohio Licensure & did not notify the Board. No Plan	1

and/or Report & Log on file by Conditional license holder	
Fraudulent Records/Falsification (non-billing)	1
Hearing Test/Sale of Hearing Aids On-Line	1
Late Plan	0
Late Plan, Report and Log	0
Late Report and Log (or none)	0
Misleading Advertisement	1
Misrepresentation (Other)	1
Non Compliance with Consent Agreement	0
No Plan on file	3
Renewal application issue (CE not completed by 12/31/2010 renewal deadline; not audited. Licensee self-reported)	0
Substance use and/or abuse while providing professional services	1
Supervision of an Aide termination, did not notify Board	0
Unethical	0
Unlicensed Practice (not a licensee)	0
Unlicensed Practice of Expired license due to late renewal (CE Audit)	0
Unlicensed Practice of Expired license/Inactive license	0
Unprofessional	3

### **Other Enforcement Activities**

#### **Warning Letters (WL)**

Per investigative review group guidelines, the following WL's have been issued. Supervisors were provided a copy of the WL that was addressed to the conditional license holder:

- **Late Supervised Professional Experience Reports and Supervision Contact Logs**  
2 Late 1-29 Days

### **Other Referrals to Investigations**

Transcript 90 Days Past Due of Licensure: 1

### **Other Matters**

- Ms. Stansberry reported that she attended and completed one hour of webinar training with Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) on June 27, 2012 titled, *From Reporting to Resolution: What Contributes to positive outcomes for the public and the individual undergoing the disciplinary process?*
- A public records request was received from the Ohio Department of Education for a copy of any disciplinary action, licensure and investigative information on speech-language pathologist Judith Jones, SP.2183. Ms. Jones was suspended by this board for one year, effective December 2, 2011, for practicing under an expired

license for 6.5 years. Ms. Stansberry reported that the public records request will be completed shortly.

## **LICENSURE APPROVAL – Ms. Thorpe Wiley**

### **A. License Review**

<b>Speech-Language Pathology</b>
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#### **Motion #5**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on May 14, 2012, July 2, 2012, July 16, 2012, and August 1, 2012. Ms. Tracy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **May 14, 2012**

SP-0775	Marilyn R. Tomiello	Restoration
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#### **July 2, 2012**

SP-10520	Jennifer Christine Wilhelm
SP-10521	Kristin R. Edwards
SP-10522	Leah Marie Kleman
SP-10523	Dvora Indich
SP-10524	Leah Renae Blake
SP-10525	Lacy J. Stephens
SP-10526	Victoria L. Cook
SP-10527	Natalie Rose Koesel
SP-10528	Adrienne Lynn James
SP-10529	Sara L. Farley
SP-10530	Kathleen Alyse Gaetano
SP-10531	Jamie C. King
SP-10532	Jessie Marie Hoffman
SP-10533	Sarah Elizabeth Krone
SP-10534	Carol A. Leach
SP-10535	Tracy J. Clark
SP-10536	Victoria L. Hoover
SP-10537	Kara Berling
SP-10538	Lisa Kathleen Del Vecchio
SP-10539	Ann Elizabeth Foley
SP-10540	Lisa Dalby
SP-10541	Jamie Lynn Davis
SP-10542	Heidi Anne Friend
SP-10543	Allison Marie Greenwood
SP-10544	Christina M. Horak

SP-10545	Karen Corinne Kennedy	
SP-10546	Elena Denise Knatz	
SP-10547	Heather Irene Costa	
SP-10548	Hawra Ali Aljawad	
SP-10549	Anita F. DiBlasi	
SP-10550	Margaret Carroll Wehner	
SP-10551	Jenae L. Wolf	
SP-10552	Jessica Rodrigue Trick	
SP-10553	Julie Marie Rader	
SP-10554	Jenna Michelle Schultz	
SP-10555	Molly E. Peiffer	
SP-10556	Darlene Reinholz	
SP-10557	Anne Merrill Stewart	
SP-10558	Lindsay Anne Bowman	
SP-10559	Michelle Renee Pankau	
SP-10560	Jessica Marie Miller	
SP-10561	Rachel Elizabeth Whitcraft	
SP-10562	Jessica Leigh Andrews	
SP-10563	J. Brooke Payne	
SP-10564	Jennifer L. Scaggs	
SP-10565	Jenna Sylvia Tricaso	
SP-10566	Vanessa Leigh Camen	
SP-10567	Alison Joy Burkhart	
SP-10568	Kelsey Elizabeth Schwanz	
SP-10569	Megan Suzanne Reynolds	
SP-10570	Elizabeth Jean Marrone	
SP-10571	Terri Dimitra Mavrakis	
SP-10572	Audre R. Mallinak	
SP-10573	Jessica L. Stern-Enzi	
SP-10574	Megan Ann Sturm	
SP-10575	Kristen M. Sterl	
SP-10576	Sarah L. Osmond	
SP-10577	Kathleen M. Mettel	
SP-10578	Ellery Caitlin Thompson	
SP-10579	Nicole J. Miller	
SP-10580	Tiana Nikole Smith	
SP-10581	Erin Marie Sawyer	
SP-8292	Jacquelen R. Hamilton	Restoration

**July 16, 2012**

SP-10582	Kristin Marie Jones
SP-10583	Kristin A. Wood

SP-10584	Christie M. Lewis	
SP-10585	Tracey L. LoPresto	
SP-10586	Kelsey Leigh Dieringer	
SP-10587	Jenna Marie Kramer	
SP-10588	Jaclyn Elizabeth Gulasy	
SP-10589	Kelley D. Bronsink	
SP-10590	Tiffany Chaparro Lekas	
SP-10591	Michelle C. Thistle	
SP-10592	Katie Marie Ayd	
SP-10593	Kathleen S. Hardesty	
SP-10594	Shayna Danee Davis	
SP-10595	Elizabeth G. MacConnell	
SP-10596	Sandra A. Forshey	
SP-2914	Bruce B. Blair	Restoration

**August 1, 2012**

SP-10279	Leann D. Arevalo
SP-10597	Tricia Michelle Piening
SP-10598	Andrea N. Schneider
SP-10599	Stephanie Lee McGill
SP-10600	Monica Lynn Willey
SP-10601	Allison Marie Ester
SP-10602	Sasha Marie Crawford
SP-10603	Sahar S. Khalilieh
SP-10604	Celia R. Lupton
SP-10605	Patricia Kathleen Gauthier
SP-10606	Jennifer L. Barkimer
SP-10607	Julia Mae Cramer
SP-10608	Deanna Sue Clendenen
SP-10609	Laura Maria Gilbert
SP-10610	Lora Ashby Grove
SP-10611	James D. Kunselman
SP-10612	Victoria Sue McKenna
SP-10613	Kristin Marie Ellison
SP-10614	Margaret Lane deSouza
SP-10615	Nicole M. Gibson
SP-10616	Renee Imbalzano Zegar

<b>Audiology</b>
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**Motion #6**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on July 2, 2012, July 16, 2012, August 1, 2012 and August 13, 2012. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**July 2, 2012**

A-01811	Krista Michelle Holderman
A-01812	Heather Lyn Vaught

**July 16, 2012**

A-01813	Laura Beth Wagoner
A-01816	Tara Lynn Willnerd
A-01817	Chelsea Marie Benson

**August 1, 2012**

A-01814	Allison Paige Mester
A-01818	Mallory Sue Mercer
A-01819	Ronald Paul Warrington
A-01814	Allison Paige Mester
A-01818	Mallory Sue Mercer
A-01819	Ronald Paul Warrington

**August 13, 2012**

A-01105	Theresa L. Kinney	Restoration
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<b>Conditional Speech-Language Pathology</b>
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**Motion #7**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on July 2, 2012, July 16, 2012, August 1, 2012, and August 6, 2012. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**July 2, 2012**

COND-2013001	Elizabeth Ann Mohr
COND-2013002	Abigail Ann Cary
COND-2013003	Meredith Elise Piovarchy
COND-2013004	Chaya Miriam Kaplan
COND-2013005	Monica Elizabeth Young
COND-2013006	Leslie Elizabeth Kokotek
COND-2013007	Elizabeth Ann Neiser
COND-2013008	Jill Suzanne Eichelberger
COND-2013009	Meredith Hunt

COND-2013010            Meghan Elizabeth Stafford

**July 16, 2012**

COND-2013011            Natalie Rose Wombacher  
 COND-2013012            Jennifer Rose Hartings  
 COND-2013013            Jennifer Lee Keelor  
 COND-2013014            Jenna Kathryn Sgalia  
 COND-2013015            Rachel Anne McConnell  
 COND-2013018            Katherine Ann Davidson

**August 1, 2012**

COND-2013019            Evangela Hazimihalis

**August 6, 2012**

COND-2013020            Stephanie Garver

<b>Student Permits</b>
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**Motion #8**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to ratify the Student Permits granted by the Executive Director on July 27, 2012 and August 4, 2012. Ms. Leppla seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**July 27, 2012**

PRMT-172                Lynn Smallwood

**August 4, 2012**

PRMT-142                Kelly Cartee  
 PRMT-159                Rachel Beil  
 PRMT-160                Jennifer Ash  
 PRMT-161                Carly Voellmecke  
 PRMT-163                Melissa Jayjohn  
 PRMT-166                Nancy Dinh  
 PRMT-167                Lindsay Savoy  
 PRMT-168                Anela Schwier  
 PRMT-169                Jennifer Thomas  
 PRMT-171                Emily Mitchell

**LICENSING SUMMARY**

Speech-Language Pathologist	6447
Audiologist	951
Inactives            AUD / SLP	24/106
Conditional SLP	281
Permit Holders	35
SLP-Aide	8
AUD-Aide	70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7977</b>

## B. Applications for Review

### Audiology Aides

#### Motion #9

Dr. Levenfus moved to approve the initial application for Audiology Aide, number **Aide-A 081412-3**. Ms. Thorpe Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Speech-Language Pathology Aides

#### Motion #10

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve/deny/table the reapplication for Speech-Language Pathology Aide, number **Aide-SP 081412-2**. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Licensure Applications

#### Motion #11

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to approve/deny/table the initial application for Speech-Language Pathology, number **SLP- 081412-1**. Ms. Tracy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Special Applications

None

### ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

The Assistant Attorney General's Report was held in Executive Session.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### Motion #12

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing issues with the Attorney General's Representative on matters of pending or imminent court action pursuant to R.C. §121.22.(G)(3), and which requires that such matters be kept confidential

under R.C. §149.43.(A)(2). Ms. Embry seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows:

Dr. Levenfus: yes; Ms. Embry: yes; Ms. Leppla: yes; Mr. Porter: yes; Ms. Thorpe Wiley: yes; Ms. Tracy: yes.

*The Board went into Executive Session at 10:20 a.m. and invited Mr. Thornton to remain in attendance.*

*The Board returned to Public Session at 10:38 a.m.*

*The Board recessed and returned to public session at 10:57 a.m.*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Rules Committee – Ms. Loretta Embry**

Ms. Embry reported that the Rules Committee met on August 13, 2012. The Committee reviewed the most recent public comments to the proposed changes to continuing education. Ms. Embry presented the final draft, of the proposed rules, for Board approval. After discussion, the Board accepted the final draft as submitted, authorizing Mr. Thornton to proceed with the rule-making process. Mr. Thornton indicated that the next step would be to submit the proposed rule to the Office of Common Sense Initiative. Ms. Embry reported that the proposed ethics requirement will be deferred until 2013 for further consideration. The Committee also reviewed public comments on the proposed rule for telepractice. Ms. Embry reported that the Committee will continue to collaborate with an informal work group on revisions. The Committee plans to have a final draft ready for Board review by the December board meeting. Ms. Embry indicated that the rules under five year review will be finalized by the end of the year. She also reported that a rules hearing will be held in December to finalize changes to the continuing education requirements for restoration of a license that has been in Inactive status. The changes would prevent licensees, who wish to restore their inactive license, from having to complete more continuing education hours than a licensee with an expired license wishing to obtain re-licensure. The Committee reviewed requirements for hearing screenings conducted by aides for occupational hearing tests. They determined that the Board has discretion to waive certain requirements for good cause shown. Ms. Embry updated the Board that a plan is in place to implement a new ad hoc committee for the purpose of reviewing hearing test procedures. Dr. Levenfus indicated that input will be sought from various stakeholders.

### **Motion #13**

Ms. Leppla moved to accept the Rules Committee's report and recommendations. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **B. Professional Competency Committee – Ms. Amy Thorpe Wiley**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley reported that the Professional Competency Committee will be meeting immediately following the board meeting. The Committee plans to review the business filing requirements, public comments regarding CE Broker, and strategic planning initiatives for 2012.

C. Policy and Procedure Committee – Mr. Malcolm Porter and Ms. Patricia Leppla  
Mr. Porter reported that the Policy and Procedure Committee has completed its review of all board policies and submitted feedback to Mr. Thornton. The Committee will meet, immediately before the next board meeting in October, to finalize the policies. The Committee plans to submit a final recommendation to the Board during that meeting. Mr. Thornton indicated that the Committee's next project will be updating the Board's records retention policies.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

### **A. Board Appointments – Update**

Mr. Thornton reported that the Board is still awaiting an appointment for the audiology board member vacancy. He presented a copy of a letter that was sent to the Governor's Office, recommending the reappointment of Ms. Leppla and Ms. Thorpe Wiley for a second term. The Board's letter also expressed support of the Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association Executive Council's recommendation of Dr. Tammy Brown to fill the audiology vacancy.

### **B. National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Conference – Update**

Mr. Thornton updated the Board regarding the annual conference sponsored by the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, scheduled in October.

### **C. ODE Student Caseload Ratio Project – Update**

The Board reviewed the update from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) on the status of the student caseload project. The ODE reported that the project would be extended into next year in order to collect additional data.

### **D. Student Intern Program – Update**

The Board discussed whether student interns who subsequently obtain licensure after participating under the Ohio Master's Network Initiatives in Education-Speech Language Pathology (OMNIE) program are subject to disciplinary action if they breach their contract with OMNIE. The Board agreed that if a complaint is received, the matter should be referred to the Investigative Review Group Committee for investigation.

### **E. Request For Approval of Continuing Education Program**

The Board considered a request from Gold Therapy, Inc. to approve two seminars as satisfying the continuing education requirements under Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4753-4. Since the seminars occurred prior to the August board meeting, the Board Chairperson and Executive Director approved the request after making a determination that the programs met the continuing education requirements.

## **Motion #14**

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved to ratify the continuing education programs sponsored by Gold Therapy, Inc, which were approved by the Board Chairperson and the Executive Director. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### F. Strategic Planning – Update

The Board reviewed the status of the strategic planning initiatives for 2012. After discussion, the Board determined that no changes were necessary to the priorities of the pending initiatives. Mr. Thornton reported that the Board was on track for completion of the majority of pending strategic planning initiatives by the end of this year.

#### G. Ohio School Speech Pathology Educational Audiology Coalition Conference

The Board reviewed the agenda for the annual conference sponsored by the Ohio School Speech Pathology Educational Audiology Coalition (OSSPEAC) scheduled from October 21-23, 2012. The Board will also give a presentation at the conference.

#### **Motion #15**

Ms. Tracy moved that the Board authorize Ms. Leppla and Ms. Embry to attend the annual OSSPEAC conference. Ms. Thorpe Wiley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed correspondence addressed by the Executive Director and the Board Chairperson since the last board meeting. Dr. Levenfus thanked the board members for their input when asked to review issues related to their area of expertise.

#### **MEMBER CONCERNS**

There were no member concerns.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

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Dr. Helene Levenfus, Chairperson

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Ms. Amy Thorpe Wiley, Vice Chairperson

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Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

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Date