



Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
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Columbus, Ohio 43215
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MINUTES
February 22, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M. by Chairperson, Davida Parsons, M.A. in the Board Room on the 31st Floor of the Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio.

Members present:

Davida Parsons, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member and Chairperson
Dawn Gleason, Au.D. Audiology Board Member and Vice Chair
Carol P. Leslie, Ph.D., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Valenta Ward-Gravely, Au.D. Audiology Board Member
Susan O'Brien, Public Board Member
Ann Shotwell, Public Board Member
Patrick N. Mangino, Au. D., Audiology Board Member
Patricia Zurlinden, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member

Also Present: Michael J. Setty, Executive Director
Connie Stansberry, Investigator
Deborah Howard, Administrative Assistant
Dominic Chieffo, Assistant Attorney General

PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS' COMMENTS

John Mauro addressed the Board to seek clarification and direction on modifying prior baselines on industrial hearing screenings performed by another company. He provided information on the situation, which will be addressed by the Board under the Correspondence portion of the agenda.

AGENDA

The agenda was presented and reviewed. Amendments were made.

Motion#1 Ms. Zurlinden moved to accept the agenda as amended. Dr. Leslie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 11, 2006 Board Meeting were reviewed.

Motion#2 Dr. Leslie moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2006 Board Meeting as corrected. Dr. Gleason seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Ms. Parsons reported that the speech pathology initiatives with the Ohio Department of Education and state professional organizations were progressing well. Meetings have been scheduled with legislative leadership to seek sponsorship of an amendment to ORC 4753 to license second year speech-language pathology graduate students. At this time no language has been drafted for revisions to R.C. 4753 for review or consideration by the Board.

The OMNIE program is receiving significant interest in candidates for the on line master's program in speech-language pathology.

Ms. Parsons recently attended an ASHA conference on education issues in speech-language pathology. The shortage of Doctoral degreed faculty in speech-language pathology was discussed along with the overall shortage of speech-language pathologists. Three states have proposed licensing speech-language pathologists with only a baccalaureate degree.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Mr. Chieffo noted a recent Public Information request for investigative files. He noted that a number of regulatory boards have specifically excluded these records from disclosure in their laws. The board should explore this for R.C. 4753.

INVESTIGATIONS

Motion#3 Ward-Gravely moved to enter Executive Session for the discussion of investigations. Ms. Zurlinden seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr Leslie: yes; Ms. O'Brien: yes; Ms. Parsons: yes; Ms. Shotwell: yes; Dr. Ward-Gravely: yes; Ms. Zurlinden: yes; Dr. Gleason: yes.

The Board went into executive session at 9:42 A.M. with the Board staff in attendance.

Motion#4 Ms. Shotwell moved to reenter Public Session. Ms. Zurlinden seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr Leslie: yes; Ms. O'Brien: yes; Ms. Parsons: yes; Ms. Shotwell: yes; Dr. Ward-Gravely: yes; Ms. Zurlinden: yes; Dr. Gleason: yes.

The Board returned to Public Session at 10:00A.M.

In Case 2006-14 the complaint alleged unprofessional conduct of a speech-language pathologist. Parents of child felt that the speech-language pathologist's type of treatment suggestions was not fit for their child. Parents did not agree that the speech-language pathologist's report was accurate. The speech-language pathologist felt child could speak certain words very well yet the parents disagreed. Parents felt that they should have been given notice that the speech-language pathologist would no longer be working at the place of business where they had been taking their child for services. They felt their child should have been given notice or an explanation why the SLP abruptly left after treating their child for 15 months.

The Review group recommends closing Case 2006-14 since it is not an issue under our laws and rules.

Although the parents questioned this Board's Code of Ethics that a speech-language pathologist should not abruptly leave while treating the same patient for a long period of time from her place of employment, the board has not jurisdiction over her resignation. Individual speech-language pathologists may approach their patients with different means of treatment and can offer suggestions. If the parent of a patient feels that the particular therapists' approach is not enhancing their child's abilities then it is not under this board jurisdiction to discipline a licensee over this disagreement.

Motion#5 Dr. Ward-Gravely moved to close Case 2006-14 for lack of jurisdiction and to notify the parents of this decision. Ms. Shotwell seconded the motion, which passed uncontested. Ms. Parsons abstained.

In Case 2006-16 the complaint alleged unprofessional conduct and unethical practice of a speech-language pathologist. The parents of 16 year old autistic teenager complained that the speech-language pathologist shared confidential information about their son with another speech-language pathologist in the company. The parents also felt that the CELF-3 test given by the speech-language pathologist was done in error.

The Review group recommends closing Case 2006-16 since it is not an issue under our laws and rules.

Motion#6 Dr. Ward-Gravely moved to close Case 2006-16 for lack of jurisdiction and to notify the employer and licensee of a possible infraction of HIPAA regulations. Dr. Gleason seconded the motion, which passed uncontested. Ms. Parsons abstained.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion#7 Dr. Ward-Gravely moved to enter Executive Session for the discussion of personnel issues. Ms. Zurlinden seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr Leslie: yes; Ms. O'Brien: yes; Ms. Parsons: yes; Ms. Shotwell: yes; Dr. Ward-Gravely: yes; Ms. Zurlinden: yes; Dr. Gleason: yes.

The Board went into executive session at 10:05 A.M. with Mr. Chieffo in attendance.

Motion#8 _____ moved to reenter Public Session. _____ seconded the motion, which passed by roll call vote as follows: Dr Leslie: yes; Ms. O'Brien: yes; Ms. Parsons: yes; Ms. Shotwell: yes; Dr. Ward-Gravely: yes; Ms. Zurlinden: yes; Dr. Gleason: yes; Dr. Mangino: yes.

The Board returned to Public Session at 11:15 A.M.

LICENSURE

Speech-Language Pathology

Motion#9 Dr. Gleason moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on December 15, 2006, January 2, January 15, February 1, and February 15, 2007. Dr. Mangino seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approved December 15, 2006

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| Erin Colleen | Otte | SP8702 |
| Barbara E. | Skidmore | SP8703 |
| Sandra M. | Cobb | SP8704 |
| Brooke L. | Andrick | SP8705 |
| Cynthia L | Feezle | SP8706 |

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| Shawn M. | Howell | SP8707 |
| Lisa E. | Rieman | SP8708 |
| Allison S | Haynie | SP8709 |
| Dawn B | Lowery | SP4111 Relicensure |

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Kathryn J Johnson SP8710

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Colleen A. Kato SP8711

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| Dellana Marie | Kinkopf | SP8712 |
| Sarah Marie | Burger | SP8713 |
| Angela Kay | Melaragno | SP8714 |
| Candice | Richard | SP8715 |
| Donna Rowan | Culley | SP8716 |
| Kelli J | Saxton | SP8717 |
| Robin Lee | Alvares | SP8718 |
| Abigail Marie | Migut | SP8719 |
| Christine Marie | Maxwell | SP8720 |
| Megan Marks | Wagner | SP8721 |

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| Lori Jill | Fauver | SP5973 Relicensure |
| Julianne Marie | Burgess | SP4806 Relicensure |
| Claire | Lockhart | SP8722 |
| Lindsey | Lauderdale | SP8723 |
| Lauren Elizabeth | DeFranko | SP8724 |
| JoAnn | Benigno | SP8725 |
| Lacy A. | Robinson | SP8726 |
| Jessica | Westall | SP8727 |
| Youngson | Kim | SP8728 |
| Nicole Danielle | Lowe | SP8729 |
| Stephanie Jo | Stroh | SP8730 |
| Eric R. | Swartz | SP8731 |
| Melissa Ann | Smith | SP8732 |
| Kristin Lynn | Roth | SP8733 |
| Jennifer Lauren | Shade | SP8734 |
| Lusi | Radan | SP8735 |
| Lauren Joyce | Maynard | SP8736 |
| Ruston Martin | Johns | SP8737 |

Conditional Speech-Language Pathology

Motion#10 Dr. Gleason moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on December 15, 2006, January 2, January 15,

February 1, and February 15, 2007. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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| Lindsay Marie | Thatcher | COND 2007083 |
| Ester M. | Hunter | COND 2007084 |
| Christina Diane | Hood | COND 2007085 |
| Julie Anne | Daymut | COND 2007086 |
| Janeace M. | Brooke | COND 2007087 |
| Julia A | McCutchen | COND 2007088 |

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| Jane Marie | Tuttle | COND 2007089 |
| Kelly A | Ferrick | COND 2007090 |
| Darlene P. | Wiesner | COND 2007091 |
| Heather Lyn | Murphy | COND 2007092 |
| Jo Ellen | Carr | COND 2007093 |
| Holly Ann | Ceacer | COND 2007094 |
| Monica J. | Scarvel | COND 2007095 |

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| Allyson L. | Rinearson | COND 2007096 |
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| Rebekah M. | Cupp | COND 2005141 Relicensure |
| Kathryn | Depp | COND 2007097 |
| Jennifer | Geiger | COND 2007098 |
| Wendy Faye | Smith | COND 2007099 |

Audiology

Motion#11Dr. Gleason moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on. December 15, 2006, January 2, February 1, and February 15, 2007. Dr Leslie seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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| Sandra M. | Cobb | A01590 |
| Arthur B. | Misner, III | A01075 Relicensure |

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| Myrna A. | Powell-McMunn | A01591 |
| Kate E. | Nielson | A01592 |
| Joyce B. | Crawford | A01593 |

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| Jong Hwa | Yu | A01594 |
| Rebecca Ann | Benedict | A01595 |

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| Kristina | Mankin | A01596 |
| Kristina | English | A01597 |

Aide Licensure

Audiology Aides

Motion#12 Dr. Ward-Gravely moved to approve the Audiology Aide licenses of Carol Fishback and Michael Schmidbauer. Dr. Mangino seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Motion#13 Dr. Ward-Gravely moved to approve the Audiology Aide license of Benjamin Cordovan. Dr. Gleason seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Speech Pathology Aides

Joni E. Venet SPAide 0505 change in duties.

Motion#14 Dr Leslie moved to deny the change in job duties for Joni E Venet SPAide 0505 because the added duties constitute speech therapy. Dr. Ward-Gravely seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Motion#15 Dr Leslie moved to approve the Speech Pathology Aide licenses of Linda Winter. Ms. O'Brien seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Reconsideration of Speech Pathology Aide Licenses

Motion#16 Ms. Zurlinden moved to approve the Speech Pathology Aide licenses of Jennifer L. Cox, Marcia Burlen, and Nanette Golden. Ms. O'Brien seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Licensure Issues

The Board discussed the process of reviewing licensure applications. License applications reviewed by the Board will be redacted of identifying information to insure confidentiality and possible conflicts in cases of denied licenses.

The Board should also consider returning questionable applications back to the applicant for further information or clarification instead of denying the application.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Operating expenses continue to fall within budget. Revenues were higher than anticipated due to the number of late renewals.

Presentation of the FY2008-2009 Budget Proposal to the legislature will probably take place in April.

The following categories of licensees renewed for 2007-2008:

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| Speech Language Pathology | 5243 |
| Audiology | 841 |
| SLP Aide | 10 |
| <u>Audiology Aide</u> | <u>59</u> |
| Total | 6153 |

There were 620 late renewals, 510 speech pathologists, and 110 audiologists. Twenty – seven licensees renewed after January 1, 2007.

The following categories of licensees did not renew for 2007-2008:

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| Speech Language Pathology | 258 |
| Audiology | 44 |
| SLP Aide | 3 |
| <u>Audiology Aide</u> | <u>22</u> |
| Total | 327 |

Mr. Setty will obtain the numbers of non renewals for the 2005-2006 renewal.

The March Board Meeting and Retreat will take place at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio on March 22 and 23, 2007. The Board will conduct a regular Board Meeting on March 22 and strategic planning meeting on March 23.

Ms. Parsons, Dr. Gleason, Dr. Ward-Gravelly and Mr. Setty will be presenting at the Ohio Audiology Conference in Dublin on Sunday February 25, 2007.

The Board will also be giving a presentation at the Annual OSLHA Conference on March 9, 2007 at the Easton Hilton. Ms. Parsons, Dr. Ward-Gravelly, Ms. Zurlinden and Mr. Setty will be participating.

Mr. Setty gave presentations on the role of the Board and on licensing to Ohio University graduate students on February 7. Presentations at Ohio State and Miami University are scheduled for March and April.

The Second Annual report of the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening (UNHS) initiative was shared with the Board. UNHS has been successful in identifying children in need of audiology and speech services at an earlier age than before the start of the program. There is still a need for streamlining reporting and improving postpartum diagnostic follow-up within three months. The UNHS Committee will be seeking legislation to fund a child's first hearing aid. This is currently done in a number of states.

The Winter 2007 Newsletter was sent to over 5200 individuals on our list serve.

Mr. Setty was compensated \$64 for board related travel expenses.

The Executive Director was off from December 26 to December 29, 2006.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules Committee

Ms. Zurlinden reported that the Rules committee will meet March 22, 2006 after the Board Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jeanne M. Gokcen (SP 3003) requested that the Board send a survey to our licensees regarding an Ohio Speech and Hearing Association issue. Upon request she will receive the Board's mailing list for this survey, since it is not a Board issue.

John Mauro (Audiology Aide 9609) requested clarification and direction on modifying prior baselines on industrial hearing screenings performed by another company. He provided information on the issue.

The Board reviewed the information provided by Mr. Mauro. This is not an issue for Board Review. Mr. Mauro should consult Occupational Safety and Health Administration for guidance.

BOARD BUSINESS

Board Meetings

The Board Meetings will begin at 9:30 A.M. in the future to allow review of documents by Board Members prior to the start of the Meetings. Applications will be reviewed by the Review Committee from 9:00 A.M. to 9:30.

Board Meeting information will be projected on a screen during the meeting to allow for review and approval of motions.

The Assistant Attorney General will be placed on the Board Agenda after the review of the Minutes.

Revision of R.C. 4753

Motion#17Dr. Leslie moved to support the continued efforts to address the shortage of speech-language pathologists in Ohio.

Kelly O'Reilly will be invited to the March 22 Board Meeting to discuss the legislative process in changing R.C. 4753.

Financial Disclosure Forms

Mr. Setty reminded the Board Members that their Financial Disclosure forms were to be sent to the Ethics Commission by April 15, 2007.

MEMBER COMMENTS

It was recommended that there be increased training for Board Members on legal issues confronting the Board. This will be discussed in greater detail at the Board Retreat on March 23, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 P.M.

David Parsons, M.A. Chairperson Date

Dawn Gleason, Au.D., Vice Chair Date

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