



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

Board Meeting Minutes of Thursday, March 14, 2013

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chairperson, Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., CCC-SLP, held at the Hilton-Columbus at Easton Town Center; Columbus Board Room; 3900 Chagrin Drive; Columbus, Ohio, 43219

Board Members – Roll Call:

Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member and Chairperson
Karen K. Mitchell, Au.D., Audiology Board Members and Vice Chairperson
Tammy H. Brown, M.A., CCC-A, ABA, FAA, Audiology Board Member
Loretta T. Embry, M.A., Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Helene Levenfus, Au.D., Audiology Board Member
Malcolm J. Porter, Public Member (Excused Absence)
Elizabeth L. Tracy, Public Member

Also Present:

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director
Darlene D. Young, Executive Office Administrator
Brandy R. Thomas, Administrative Professional
Connie J. Stansberry, Investigator
Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Senior Assistant Attorney General

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

There were no open forum comments from public or professional organizations.

AGENDA

The agenda for the January 31, 2013, regular board meeting was presented and reviewed.

Motion #1

Dr. Mitchell moved to accept the agenda as submitted. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 31, 2013 board meeting were reviewed.

Motion #2

Ms. Tracy moved to accept the minutes of the January 31, 2013 board meeting. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Ms. Thorpe Wiley welcomed Cheryl Hawkinson as the Board's new Senior Assistant Attorney General. She thanked the board staff for all of their hard work during the license renewal period and continuing education audits. Ms. Thorpe Wiley noted that the Board's meeting coinciding with the Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association's annual convention will foster the exchange of information on important issues.

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;
- Year-to-date revenue and expenditures for FY2013 and the Board's proposed budget for FY2014-2015;
- Number of license verification letters issued since the last meeting;
- Significant legislation;
- Progress of the Internet Hearing Aid Sales Workgroup;
- Licensure renewal campaign for 2012;
- Replacement of the statewide eLicense system;
- Installation of the statewide VoIP telecommunications system;
- Status of the SLP board member vacancy
- 2013 Ohio Audiology Conference
- Ethics Financial Disclosure Statements for 2012

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Senior Assistant Attorney General Cheryl Hawkinson reported that the Board's 119 hearing was scheduled for the May meeting. She recommended that the Board consider adopting a rule defining when a licensee is practicing "under the influence." She also reported that the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) would require agencies to amend rules if there are substantive changes to applications or forms, referenced in the rule. She stated that minor changes would not require an amendment to the rule; however, the application or form would need to be filed with JCARR.

INVESTIGATIONS**A. Board Actions**

There are no cases to present to the Board with Investigative Review Group (IRG) recommendations.

B. Investigative Report – Ms. Stansberry

OPENED	Cases since the last Board Meeting 1/31/2013	8
CLOSED	Cases since the last board meeting 1/31/2013	4
Referrals	Of total open cases	9
TOTAL Open		30

Of the 30 cases currently open:

Aide Supervision- Aide changed supervisors but no application filed	
Billing Fraud/Falsified Records	
CE Audit Issues or CE Requirement Not Met For Renewal	
Conviction Issue on Application or Renewal Application	1
Denied Refund	
Discontinued Pursuit of Ohio Licensure (COND.) & did not notify the Board	
Fraudulent Records/Falsification (non-billing)	
Hearing Aid Refund Issue/Denied	
Hearing Test/Sale of Hearing Aids On-Line	1
Late Plan	1
Late Plan, Report and Log	
Late Report and Log (or none)	
Misleading Ad (Printed and/or Internet)	6
Misrepresentation	2
Non Compliance with Consent Agreement	
No Plan and/or Report & Log on file by Conditional license holder	
Other	2
Services Not Rendered but Fee Obtained and/or Services Not Rendered but Documented Services Provided	
Substance use and/or abuse while providing professional services	1
Supervision of an Aide termination, did not notify Board	
Unethical	
Unlicensed Practice of Non-licensure	2
Unlicensed Practice (practiced under Expired status) Conditional or Full Licensure	3
Unlicensed Practice (practiced under Inactive status)	
Unprofessional	11

2012 Continuing Education (CE) Audit

The following have been audited for their 2011-2012 licensure biennium CE clock hours:

	Audited	CE Received	Reviewed	Passed	Failed
Random AUD, 5%	41	33	14	13	1
Random SLP, 5%	258	215	65	64	1
Late Renewals 1/1/2013 – 1/17/2013	102	90	32	30	2
Other Late Renewals (on-line after 1/17/13 and all paper to date)	58	35	3	0	3
Consent Agreements	24	15	4	4	0
Warning Letters (WL)	23	13	2	1	1
Other	7	0	0	0	0
Board Members AUD	3	3	3	3	0
Board Members SLP	2	2	2	2	0
	518	406	125	117	8

To date, of the 406 audits received, 125 have been reviewed to completeness.

The submission deadline for Random Audits is March 15, 2013.

The submission deadline for Consent Agreement and Warning Letter Audits is March 22, 2013.

LICENSURE APPROVAL – Dr. Karen Mitchell**A. License Review**
Speech-Language Pathology
Motion #3

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on February 1, 2013, February 15, 2013, and March 1, 2013. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

February 1, 2013

SP-10529-
SP-10698-

Sara L. Farley
Elizabeth Ann Jarett

SP-10699-	Masae Matta Johnson	
SP-10700-	Kristin A. Chmela	
SP-10701-	Hal Russell Blount	
SP-10702-	Stephanie Anne Richards	
SP-10703-	Allison Jane Jones	
SP-10704-	Tracie Lewis Evans	
SP-10705-	Linda Bond Fiejdasz	
SP-10706-	Chaya Devorah Thav	
SP-10707-	Mary Elizabeth Mitchell	
SP-10708-	Kara Teresa Smith	
SP-10709-	Jena Marie Schwieterman	
SP-6539	Marilyn J. Wester	restoration
SP-8915	Stephanie Ann Hughes	relicensure

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SP-10710-	Julia Diane Sellers	
SP-10711-	Denise Lee Moore	
SP-10712-	Caryn G. Herring	
SP-10713-	Rachel Froehlich	
SP-10714-	Audra Beth Comes	
SP-10715-	Brittany Ann Croy	
SP-10716-	Serena Christine Farage	
SP-10717-	Denise Lauren Hickox	
SP-10718-	Samantha Singh	
SP-10719-	Heidi Ann Luebke	
SP-10720-	Katherine Goodlet	
SP-3513	Therese Tolland-Lavey	re-licensure

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SP-10721-	Eva King McClave	
SP-10722-	Kathryn R. Wood	
SP-10723-	Ronda E. Moss	
SP-10724-	Stephanie M. Schmits	
SP-10725-	Jennifer Lynn McMahan	
SP-10726-	Kendrah Townsend Marchior	
SP-10727-	Valerie Anne Miller	
SP-10728-	Emily V. Wallace	
SP-10729-	Kaitlyn Christine Grabill	
SP-10730-	Jessica Lyn Cruz	
SP-10731-	Megan Marie Burwell	
SP-10732-	Stacy Goldberg	

SP-10733-	Bethany Anne Lovern	
SP-10734-	Katherine Helen Smart	
SP-10735-	Emily Joy Vonderhaar	
SP-10736-	Kate Lene Lundborg	
SP-10737-	Vanessa A. DeCesare	
SP-10738-	Sora Z. Sicker	
SP-10739-	Cassie L. Belle	
SP-10740-	Carrie Anne Eck	
SP-7467-	Julie J. Carlton	restoration
SP-8103-	Kristin Dowey	relicensure

Audiology

Motion #4

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Audiology licenses granted by the Executive Director on February 1, 2013, February 15, 2013, and March 1, 2013. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

February 1, 2013

None

February 15, 2013

A-01837-	Jody L P Spalding
A-01838-	Beth Marie Zimmerman

March 1, 2013

None

Conditional Speech-Language Pathology
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Motion #5

Dr. Mitchell moved to ratify the Conditional Speech-Language Pathology licenses granted by the Executive Director on February 1, 2013, February 15, 2013, and March 1, 2013. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

February 1, 2013

COND-2013165-SP	Kristen Danielle McCollum
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COND-2013166-SP	Dayna Rae Amos
COND-2013167-SP	Alison D. Maltz
COND-2013168-SP	Anne E. Clough
COND-2013169-SP	Emily Hope Wessendarp

February 15, 2013

COND-2013170-SP	Ally O. Frustos
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COND-2013172-SP	McKenzie K. Blair
COND-2013171-SP	Rachael Kaplan Parkin

LICENSING SUMMARY

Speech-Language Pathologist	6220
Audiologist	925
Inactives AUD / SLP	27 / 163
Conditional SLP	310
Permit Holders	42
SLP-Aide	8
AUD-Aide	67
TOTAL	7572

B. Applications for Review

Audiology Aides

None

Speech-Language Pathology Aides
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None

Licensure Applications

None

Special Applications

None

The Board took a break at approximately 10:45 a.m. and returned to Public Session at approximately 11:00 a.m.

C. Licensure Report**2013-2014 RENEWAL CAMPAIGN - Update**

Renewals Processed: 7,044

Online Renewal Applications: 6,723 or 95.4% of total renewals

Paper Licensure Renewals: 321 (duals, aides, requests for paper renewal application)

Paper Inactive Status Applications: 115

December Renewals: 3,485 or 49.5%

Late Renewals: 169

Inactive Status: 190 (Audiologists – 27; Speech-Language Pathologists – 163)

There were 115 new inactive applications this cycle and 75 who renewed their inactive status.

License Expirations: 506 (Audiologists–54; Speech-Language Pathologists–444; Aides–8)

Total expired licenses represent 7% of the total number of licenses that were in 'Active' status at the beginning of the renewal campaign, i.e., September 1, 2012.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**A. Rules Committee – Ms. Loretta Embry**

Ms. Embry reported that the Rules Committee met on March 13, 2013. She stated that the committee prioritized its strategic planning initiatives for 2013. Initiatives for 2013 include:

- Reviewing rules that make reference to prescribed forms and applications in light of changes by JCARR related to incorporation of forms/applications by reference
- Adopting guidelines/rules for telepractice
- Determining whether OAC 4753-3-07(H) needs clarification related to conditional licensees providing a service for which Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement will be sought during the professional experience year
- Amending rule for relicensure to allow licensees to use CEs submitted for Relicensure during renewal
- Amending rule for Relicensure and restoration to allow waiver of renewal fee when applying within 100 days of renewal
- Incorporating human trafficking training into continuing education upon legislative mandate
- Moving forward with amending OAC 4753-4-01 to require 2 hours of ethics during the 2015-2016 biennium

- Reviewing rules scheduled for five year review in 2014

B. Professional Competency Committee – Dr. Helene Levenfus

Dr. Levenfus reported that the Professional Competency Committee will be meeting immediately following the board meeting. The committee will prioritize its strategic planning initiatives from 2013 and update the Board at the May meeting.

C. Policy and Procedure Committee

Mr. Thornton reported that the Policy and Procedure Committee will meet later in the year to address the initiatives referred to the committee.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:35 a.m. and returned to Public Session at 1:00 p.m.

BOARD BUSINESS

A. CE Broker – Presentation – Marcia Mann

Marcia Mann, State Contract Manager, with CE Broker updated the Board regarding the status of the continuing education tracking system. Ms. Mann provided an overview about CE Broker and indicated that registrations were going smoothly. CE Broker will be an exhibitor at Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association annual convention.

B. Approval of Continuing Education Programs

The Board reviewed a request to approve learning activities as meeting the continuing education requirements under Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4753-4.

Title: IEP Goal Writing: Compliance and Quality

Sponsor: Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County– SST Region 3

Date: January 16-17, 2013

Contact Hours: 10

Motion #6

Ms. Thorpe Wiley moved that IEP Goal Writing: Compliance and Quality be approved as meeting the Board's requirements for continuing education, specific to the clinical practice of speech-language pathology. Ms. Embry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Review Final Draft – 2013 Strategic Plan

The Board reviewed a final draft of the 2013 strategic plan.

Motion #7

Dr. Mitchell moved to accept the 2013 Strategic Plan as amended. Ms. Embry 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.

MEMBER CONCERNS

There were no member concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Ms. Amy Thorpe Wiley, Chairperson

Dr. Karen K. Mitchell, Vice Chairperson

Date

Date

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

Date