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Message from the Board Chairperson

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. As we bring 2013 to a productive end, the Board is looking forward to the work ahead of us for the new year. In 2013, the Board completed significant updates to the continuing education requirements. Licensees may complete the required twenty hours of continuing education through programs available online, independent study, or in-service training offered by their employer. In addition, the Board recognizes topics in areas related to speech-language pathology and audiology, including practice management, supervision, ethics, and human trafficking. Governor John Kasich has designated

the month of January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Be sure to review the information we have inside this edition about this important issue in Ohio, including how to report human trafficking situations to law enforcement. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind licensees to complete two surveys that will assist the Board with addressing professional issues in 2014, and assessing trends related to practitioners who may be intending to retire from the professions. The Board will use the information from both surveys to ensure strong licensure in Ohio for the benefit of the consumers we, as licensees, are

Message from the Executive Director

I would like to welcome everyone to this edition of the Board's eNewsletter. Inside this edition, you will find information and updates beneficial to licensed practitioners, employers of speech-language pathologists and audiologists, and

consumers. The Board completed a very busy year and will be working hard throughout 2014 to address issues impacting the professions and consumers who receive speech and hearing services. Licensees still have time to

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dedicated to serving. On behalf of the Board, I wish everyone the very best in 2014.

Thank you,
Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., CCC-SLP

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complete two board surveys seeking input about professional issues. You will find the link for those surveys inside this edition. The Board requests your reply by January 15, 2014, and would like to thank everyone who has already responded with their feedback. The Board looks forward to sharing the results in a future edition of our eNewsletter. We would also like to remind that licenses to practice speech-language pathology and audiology, as well as all aide licenses, are active through December 31, 2014. The Board will mail information about licensure renewal in September 2014.

We always invite you to provide feedback. If you recently contacted the Board for services or information, please take a moment to complete a brief customer satisfaction survey and let us know your opinion about that experience. The survey may be accessed at the bottom of our home page:

<http://slpauld.ohio.gov/>

Thank you,
Gregg B. Thornton, Esq.

Important Information

Has your contact information changed?

You may submit a written request to update your contact information at board@slpauld.ohio.gov. Please include your license number. You may also update your information at any time using your assigned User ID/Password.

All licensees are required to notify the Board in writing of any change of name, place of business, or mailing address within thirty days of said change per OAC section 4753-3-03.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Reminder: Board and Committee meetings are open to the public.
- Public comment is welcome at all Board meetings.
- Please visit our website at www.slpauld.ohio.gov for the latest updates and information.

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Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Board Accepting Public Comment On Rules Up For Five Year Review

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (“Board”) is currently accepting feedback and comments on four administrative rules scheduled for five year review in 2014. Ohio law requires all agencies to review their administrative rules every five years. This review process ensures that rules are still current, i.e., (no change), amended, or rescinded. The five year review date is listed at the end of each rule, along with the rule’s effective date. The four administrative rules may be viewed on our website at: <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/lawsandrules.stm>. Comments will be accepted until March 1, 2014, and may be submitted via e-mail to Board@slpaud.ohio.gov.

- [4753-1-04 Personal information systems.](#)
- [4753-3-01 Application for license.](#)
- [4753-3-08 Denial, suspension or revocation of license.](#)
- [4753-8-04 Sales receipt.](#)

Licensure Statistics	
As of December 30, 2013	
Audiologists:	931
Speech-Language Pathologists:	6604
Dual Licensees (SLP & AUD):	40
Conditional Licensees:	375
Student Permits:	0
SLP Aides:	8
AUD Aides:	64
Inactive Speech-Language Path.:	157
Inactive Audiology:	26
Total Licenses:	8205

Board Begins Formal Rule-Making Process For Three Rules

The Board would like to thank everyone who submitted public comment regarding the following three rules:

- **Summary Suspension For Human Trafficking Conviction**

This rule is required pursuant to a state law that mandates the Board to summarily suspend an individuals license upon receiving a report from a prosecutor of a human trafficking conviction.

- **Continuing Education – Ethics Requirement**

The Board is proposing that two out of the twenty continuing education hours within the two-year licensure period relate to ethics. The Board is proposing to make this rule effective for the 2015-2016 practice biennium.

- **Licensure Fees – Relicensure and Restoration (Waiver of Renewal Fee)**

This proposed rule clarifies that the renewal fee is waived for relicensure or restoration applications received less than one hundred days before December thirty-first of the renewal year.

The final draft of these rules is posted on the Board’s website. The Board is required to hold a formal rules hearing to afford interested parties the opportunity to submit oral or written testimony in support or opposition to the proposed rules. The rules hearing will be scheduled as soon as the proposed rules are accepted by the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. The Board anticipates the rules hearing will be scheduled for its board meeting on March 13, 2013. Please visit our website at: <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/nph.stm> to check the status of the date, time, and location of the hearing.



Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Updates for Pediatric Audiologists from the Ohio Department of Health

Submitted by Naomi Halverson, Infant Hearing Program

The rules implementing Universal Newborn Hearing Screening (UNHS) have been revised. The new rules went into effect on November 12, 2013.

There are revisions within the rules that may affect your audiology practice. **Please review the brief summary of the revisions to Ohio Administrative Code, Chapter 40, on pages 6-8.** It highlights some of the most important changes in the rules, including a requirement to report a confirmed hearing status to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) within seven days.

The complete text of the new rules is available on the OHD website, www.odh.ohio.gov. Click on **Rules**, click on **Final Rules**, and then click on **3701-40**. After reading them, please consider the changes that you will need to make to your protocols in order to incorporate all of the revisions.

If you have any questions, please contact the Infant Hearing Program, Consultant Audiologist for your region. **Please see the regional map on the next page if you are not sure who to contact.**

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or contact the Infant Hearing Program as follows:

Bureau for Children with Developmental and Special Healthcare Needs
Telephone: 614-644-8389 **Email: hmg@odh.ohio.gov**

Thank you in advance for your prompt updates to protocols to meet the requirements of the revised rules and for the hearing evaluations that you provide to help identify those babies that will need early intervention because they are deaf or hard of hearing.



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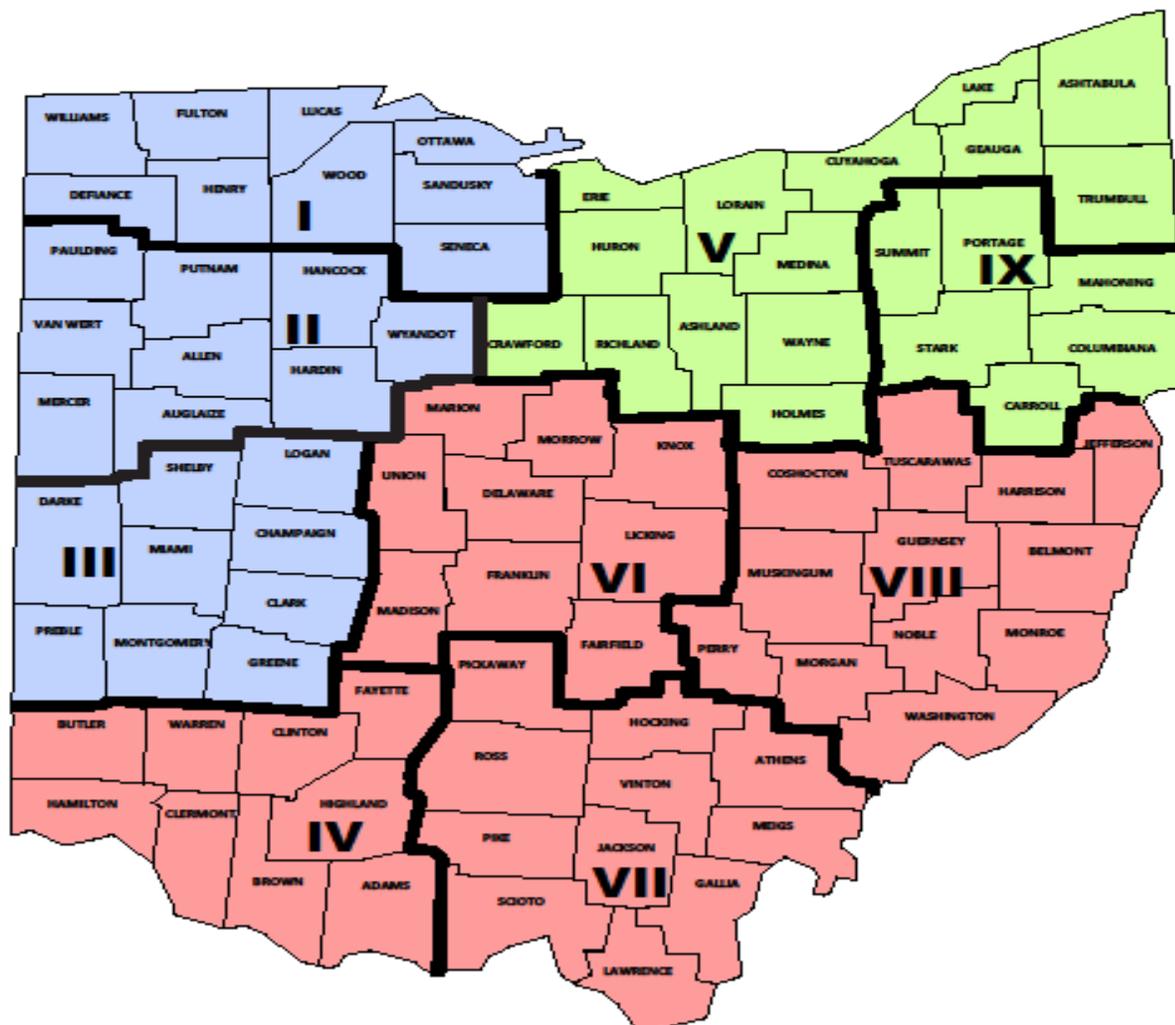
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Summary - Universal Newborn Hearing Screening - Rules Revision - November 12, 2013

Ohio Administrative Code, 3701-40 recently underwent a five year rule review and several of the UNHS rules were amended. The revised rules contain some new requirements as well as retaining most of the requirements in the prior rules. In many instances the information has been moved to consolidate requirements for differing stakeholders. Many of the key revisions are outlined in this Summary. Please review the full text of the revised UNHS Rules at www.odh.ohio.gov. Click on *Rules*, click on *Final Rules*, and then click on *3701-40*. The revised rules will need to be incorporated into the protocols for your facility. If you have any questions, please contact your Infant Hearing Program Audiology Consultant.

3701-40-01: Definitions

This rule has been amended to consolidate all definitions in Chapter 40 rules. 3701-40-01 (R) is a new definition of hearing loss; 3701-40-01 (D) and (Q) are defined hospital staff positions; and 3701-40-01 (DD) includes a new definition for Pass result, (II) is the Joint Commission on Infant Hearing Position Statement, a national set of guidelines, used by the Ohio UNHS program.

3701-40-02 Hospital and Birthing Center Requirements

This rule requires hospitals to designate a hearing coordinator, develop and implement written protocols for screening, and communicate the screening results to families and professionals.

NEW: 3701-40-02 (4) requires hospitals to report non-pass infants and infants not screened prior to discharge to the primary care provider within 48 hours of discharge. While the information may be entered in the infant's chart, the hospital program must make alternative arrangements---email, fax, etc.---if the primary care provider does not routinely receive screening results within 48 hours.

NEW 3701-40-02 (6) require hospitals to provide the parents or guardian with written hearing screening results, assistance with scheduling a follow-up evaluation for non-pass and not screened infants, written materials on the importance of hearing screening, and locations of pediatric audiologists within 60 miles for follow-up evaluations.

3701-40-02 (8) requires hospitals and birthing facilities to annually provide ODH with an expanded listing of hearing screening personnel that include the names and contact information for the hearing screening coordinator, supervising physician or audiologist, birth clerk and hearing clerk annually or when changes occur.



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Submitted by Naomi Halverson, Infant Hearing Program

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3701-40-02 (9) Hospitals are required to send UNHS screening reports to ODH within 10 days of initial screening, discharge or transfer. This report includes information on the infants screening results for both ears, including dates of screening and test type. Reports are required for infants who were not screened and the reason(s) why and for reports and objection forms for infants whose parents, guardian or custodian objected. **NEW: All reports are required to be sent within 10 days.**

3701-40-03 Boards of Health:

This rule requires boards of health provide registrants with certain written information, to obtain a signature of registrant, and provide an annual report.

NEW: 3701-40-03 (A) requires the Board to provide the materials to the parent or guardian within 10 days of notification.

3701-40-04 Objections to Hearing Screening:

This rule provides for parental objection to screening and documentation of objection. It has not been amended.

3701-40-05 Qualifications of Personnel Conducting Hearing Screening:

This rule requires audiologist or physician oversight of screening personnel.

3701-40-05 (B) and (C) requires individuals conducting hearing screenings to complete training annually, including competency with newborn screening equipment and documentation of training prior to administration of hearing screenings.

3701-40-06 Hearing Screening and Equipment Requirements:

This rule outlines requirements for an initial physiologic hearing screening of all newborns. 3701-40-06 (A) clarifies the requirement to screen newborns admitted to or transferred into a hospital.

NEW 3701-40-06 (B) and (C) require hospitals and free standing birthing centers to conduct a second physiologic screening on both ears when the first screening on either ear was a non-pass.

Please note that the current HEA 8017 form has "N/A" listed for the second screening. **This option is no longer acceptable and new HEA8017s will reflect the change.**

3701-40-06 (F) requires hospitals have a contingency plan for continued screening when regular screening equipment malfunctions or is not available.



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3701-40-07 Reimbursement for Hearing Screening:

NOTE: This rule has been amended only to clarify and enumerate the directions. The requirements for hospitals that wish to claim reimbursement for a hearing screening when it is not bundled with the maternity/deliver charges remains unchanged.

3701-40-08 Hearing Evaluations:

3701-40-08 (A) requires that non-pass infants be immediately referred to an audiologist for further examination. A “wait and rescreen in six months” policy is not good clinical practice.

3701-40-08 (B) states the evaluation should follow Joint Commission on Infant Hearing protocols.

NEW: 3701-40-08 (C) requires audiologists to report results of hearing evaluation confirming the hearing status for infants within seven business days.

3701-40-09 Hearing Screening Tracking and Follow Up:

NEW: This rule was amended to update the list of entities to specifically include Regional Infant Hearing Programs so they may receive newborn and infant hearing screening information for public health purposes and continues to require all entities to maintain patient confidentiality.

Rule 3701-40-10 Ohio Department of Health Training and Materials:

3701-40-10 (A) requires the Department to provide educational materials and make them available to hospitals and boards of health

3701-40-10 (D) requires the Department to provide written materials on hearing loss for families and listings of facilities providing pediatric screening and hearing evaluations.



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Updates for School-Based Speech-Language Pathologists and Educational Audiologists from the Ohio Department of Education

Submitted by Bernadette Laughlin, M.A., Esq., Due Process Coordinator, Office For Exceptional Children

Individualized Education Program (IEP) no longer serves as prior written notice to families.

The Board is assisting the Ohio Department of Education, Office For Exceptional Children with communicating information to school-based practitioners who work with students with disabilities.

Parents or guardians of a child with a disability must receive a written notice when a change is proposed to the child's free and appropriate public education. This must occur even if the parents agree with the change. The IEP for that student no longer meets the definition of the written notice. This is an immediate change from current [Operating Standards for Ohio Educational Agencies serving Children with Disabilities](#), section (H)(4)(c). The standards are currently under review as part of the five-year review process and once finalized will reflect this change.

The following [federal regulation](#) indicates when prior written notice is required, as well as what elements must be in the notice.

- (a) Notice. Written notice that meets the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section must be given to the parents of a child with a disability a reasonable time before the public agency:
- (1) Proposes to initiate or change the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of the child or the provision of FAPE to the child; or
 - (2) Refuses to initiate or change the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of the child or the provision of FAPE to the child.

(b) Content of notice. The notice required under paragraph (a) of this section must include:

- (1) A description of the action proposed or refused by the agency;
- (2) An explanation of why the agency proposes or refuses to take the action;
- (3) A description of each evaluation procedure, assessment, record, or report the agency used as a basis for the proposed or refused action;
- (4) A statement that the parents of a child with a disability have protection under the procedural safeguards of this part and, if this notice is not an initial referral for evaluation, the means by which a copy of a description of the procedural safeguards can be obtained;



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- (5) Sources for parents to contact to obtain assistance in understanding the provisions of this part;
 - (6) A description of other options that the IEP Team considered and the reasons why those options were rejected; and
 - (7) A description of other factors that are relevant to the agency's proposal or refusal.
- (c) Notice in understandable language.
- (1) The notice required under paragraph (a) of this section must be—
 - (i) Written in language understandable to the general public; and
 - (ii) Provided in the native language of the parent or other mode of communication used by the parent, unless it is clearly not feasible to do so.
 - (2) If the native language or other mode of communication of the parent is not a written language, the public agency must take steps to ensure—
 - (i) That the notice is translated orally or by other means to the parent in his or her native language or other mode of communication;
 - (ii) That the parent understands the content of the notice; and
 - (iii) That there is written evidence that the requirements in paragraphs (c)(2)(i) and (ii) of this section have been met.

In addressing this issue, school districts must make sure that all procedures and policies are amended to reflect the above requirements. In addition, districts must require that staff members involved in the development and/or implementation of individual education plans are notified and trained with respect to the revised requirement.

The Ohio Department of Education will review district compliance with this memorandum as part of the Office for Exceptional Children's monitoring and complaint processes. If there are any questions, please contact Bernadette Laughlin at: bernadette.laughlin@education.ohio.gov.



Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

BOARD INVITES FEEDBACK FROM LICENSEES

Last fall the Board invited licensees to submit feedback via two surveys related to professional issues and trends for planned retirement from practice. The response has been very positive, and we would like to thank everyone who completed the surveys. The information will assist the Board with prioritizing initiatives during 2014 and assess the level of shortages in services to consumers for specific work settings.

Licensees who have not completed the surveys:

Click the following link to complete the survey on professional issues: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B9FR5MD>

Click the following link to complete the licensure status survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3MTWLF7>

Responses to the survey are completely anonymous.

Governor Kasich Launches Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign

Governor John R. Kasich's Human Trafficking Task Force (Task Force) is launching an awareness campaign throughout the state to coincide with Human Trafficking Awareness Month during January. The Task Force has developed and distributed material to raise awareness that human trafficking is happening throughout our state. The messaging and visuals are targeted at the general public and survivors and will include information about reporting human trafficking, as well as resources that are available to assist victims of human trafficking and abuse. The Board will post these materials to its website as soon as they become available. Please visit our homepage at: www.slpaud.ohio.gov

The Task Force defines human trafficking as the illegal trade of human beings for commercial sexual exploitation and forced labor. It is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises worldwide and is on pace to surpass the drug trade in less than five years. (Source, Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force Report—June 27, 2012) Unfortunately, Ohio is not immune to this plague. Each year as estimated 1,078 Ohio children become victims of human trafficking and 3,016 more are at-risk. Governor Kasich is committed to addressing this problem and on March 29, 2012, he signed an executive order forming the Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, which published a report with recommendations to address the problem, in conjunction with House Bill 262, The Ohio Human Trafficking Act of 2012. The Task Force reported that the first and most significant gap is the public knowledge of human trafficking is low. One of the recommendations made was for the launching of a public awareness campaign and training for all state employees on human trafficking. Extensive training was also recommended for anyone in positions that come into contact with victims. Licensed speech-language pathologists and audiologists serve populations where human trafficking could occur. Schools are the largest work setting for practitioners. Many school districts have already incorporated human trafficking training into their in-service professional development topics, and more work settings are expected to follow, as public awareness about this issue continues to expand. Each of us can play a role to prevent Ohio's young people from being trafficked. Please visit [our website](#) to review the Task Force's Report on human trafficking, learn more about the resources available to assist victims, and how to report human trafficking.



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Board Elects Officers and Sets Meeting Dates for 2014

At the December meeting, the Board elected officers and set meeting dates for 2014. Amy Thorpe Wiley was re-elected as Chairperson, and Karen Mitchell was re-elected as Vice Chairperson. The Board will meet on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 21

Thursday, March 13

Thursday, May 8

Tuesday, June 24

Wednesday, August 13

Tuesday, October 7

Tuesday, December 2

Please visit our website at <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/meet.stm> approximately five days prior to any meeting to view the proposed agenda and to confirm the date, time, and location.

Business Filing Statements Due March 1

At the end of January 2014 a notice will be sent to employers that provide speech-language pathology and audiology services about submitting a business filing statement to the Board. The Board identifies employers from the business contact information licensees are required to provide and maintain. The prescribed form is available on the Board's website at <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/bus.stm>. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 4753.12(A), an entity may provide speech-language pathology or audiology services without licensure if it employs or contracts individuals in the direct practice of speech-language pathology or audiology, in accordance with Chapter 4753. Such entity is required to submit a business filing on a prescribed form with the Board no later than March first of each even numbered year. The business filing process is an excellent opportunity to inform and educate employers about the licensure requirements for speech-language pathology and audiology. The communication that the Board will send to employers about the business filing statement will include important information such as how to verify the status of a license, join the Board's listserv to receive updates, including our eNewsletter, and how to contact the Board with any questions about the licensure requirements or other issues, such as scope of practice for speech-language pathology and audiology. Employers will be required to list the names and license numbers of all individuals who provide speech-language pathology and audiology services. If your employer inadvertently forwards the statement to you for completion, you should inform them that it must be completed by someone who has access to all of the names of individuals who provided speech-language pathology and audiology services during 2013 and is authorized to attest to the statements on the form in the presence of a notary. The majority of statements we receive are completed and signed by the Director of Human Resource, Special Education, or other equivalent individual. Please note that due to variations with the business names within our licensure database, your employer may receive more than one business filing notice.



Board Recognizes Two Board Members for Service

At its October meeting, the Board recognized and thanked Dr. Helene Levenfus and Loretta Embry for their terms on the board. Dr. Levenfus served two terms on the board from 2008-2013 as an audiology board member. During her service, she served as Vice-Chairperson, Board Chairperson for two years and chaired the Rules Committee, Professional Competency Committee, and Policy and Procedures Committee. Ms. Embry also served two terms on the board from 2008-2013 as a speech-language pathology board member. During her service, she served as Vice-Chairperson and chaired the Rules Committee during the duration of her second, three-year term. Both Dr. Levenfus and Ms. Embry brought a wealth of experience and expertise during their tenure. The Board presented them with a plaque in recognition of their dedication, service, and significant contributions to the citizens of Ohio.



Photo: Board Chairperson Amy Thorpe Wiley, M.Ed., CCC-SLP (Center), with board members Helene Levenfus, Au.D. (Left) and Loretta Embry, M.A., SLP

Board Welcomes Two New Board Members

At its December meeting, the Board welcomed Lisa A. Froehlich, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, and Linda L. Wellman, Ph.D., CCC-SLP on the board. Drs. Froehlich and Wellman are speech-language pathologists whose terms will run for three years. Dr. Froehlich is from Loveland and has more than 23 years of experience. She has worked in various work settings, including public schools and MRDD programs. She has also worked with children with disabilities from birth through preschool age, and is currently serving the adolescent population, who have language disabilities that negatively impact their academic learning and social skills. Dr. Froehlich is currently employed with the Cincinnati Public Schools. Dr. Wellman is from Cincinnati and has more than 27 years of experience. She has worked in various work settings, including public and private schools, the University of Cincinnati and Miami University in Oxford. She is currently employed by the Hamilton County Educational Service Center and has been providing services at Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Anderson Township since 2005.

Board Announces Audiology Board Member Vacancy

Board appointments are made by Governor John R. Kasich, with the advice and consent of the Ohio Senate. The appointment term is usually three years. The term may be shorter if the appointed individual is filling an unexpired term. The Board currently has one unexpired audiology board position for which the Governor's Office is accepting applications. If you are an audiologist, who has been actively engaged in the practice of audiology for at least five years and are interested in serving on the board, a board member application may be submitted online directly to the Governor's Office by clicking on the following link:

[Boards and Commissions Application](http://governor.ohio.gov/Administration/BoardsandCommissions.aspx)

(The website address is: <http://governor.ohio.gov/Administration/BoardsandCommissions.aspx>)

Serving on the Board is an excellent way to serve your community. If there are any questions about serving on the board, please feel free to contact the Board's Executive Director at: gregg.thornton@slpaud.ohio.gov

Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Board Utilizing CE Broker Tracking System to Improve Random CE Audit Selection Process

In early 2013, the Board launched its new electronic continuing education tracking system. The Board is partnering with CE Broker to track continuing education activities completed by licensees.

The following is a summary of the most frequent questions raised:

What is CE Broker?

CE Broker precisely spells out each licensee's requirements and tracks your progress as you complete continuing education hours required for your Ohio license.

How likely is my continuing education to be audited?

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology may audit up to 10% of licensees to verify compliance with continuing education requirements. If compliant in CE Broker, you will have already completed the electronic audit. As more licensees subscribe the CE Broker to report their hours, the more likelihood that licensees, who did not sign-up, will be randomly selected for an audit.

Which account should I sign-up for?

Licensees have the choice of selecting either a free basic account or a paid professional account for \$29 per year. You can access a side-by-side comparison of both account types by visiting: cebroker.com

How do I report hours to CE Broker?

Licensees post their CE hours directly with CE Broker using a series of drop-down menus. Supporting documentation, such as certificates of attendance, is uploaded or faxed.



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Board Utilizing CE Broker Tracking System to Improve Random CE Audit Selection Process (continued from previous page)

Do I need CE Broker if I have already subscribe to a CE Registry, such as ASHA or AAA?

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is working in partnership with CE Broker to transfer course credits (ASHA CEUs) to CE Broker on behalf of Ohio licensees who use the ASHA CE Registry. ASHA is in the process of notifying their members about the steps to have continuing education hours obtained from ASHA approved CE providers transmitted to CE Broker. Rest assured that all ASHA CEUs earned by Ohio licensees on or after 01/01/2013 will be submitted to CE Broker.

The American Academy of Audiology will only submit Academy courses to CE Broker upon request of the member. You need to be a current Academy member and to email them your Ohio license number. For Academy approved courses offered by a third party (CE Providers) there is a \$5/course fee.

Please visit the Board's website at: <http://slpaud.ohio.gov/cebroke.htm> for additional details and to sign-up.

Benefits of CE Broker

- Track your continuing education hours required to renew your Ohio license
- Know precisely how many hours you've completed and how many hours are remaining in each category, i.e., specific to clinical practice and related
- Exemption from continuing education audit

Sign-up for CE Broker Today!

Creating an account only takes a few minutes. Click on the CE Broker link below to register.

[CE Broker](#)



Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Licensure Renewal – All licenses expire on December 31, 2014

All active licenses will expire on December 31, 2014, at midnight and must be renewed prior to January 1, 2015. The Board will mail an official renewal notice to all licensees in September 2014. You will receive your user name, password, and license number with instructions on how to renew online at the board's website. Over 98% of licensees renewed their license online during the last licensure biennium and completed the online renewal process within five minutes. The Board strongly encourages online renewal through its secure website.

In addition, all licensees are required to earn twenty hours of continuing education within the two-year licensure period immediately preceding the licensee's renewal application. Ten continuing education hours shall be acquired in the area of licensure. For a speech-language pathology license the ten hours shall be specific to the clinical practice of speech-language pathology; for an audiology license the ten hours shall be specific to the clinical practice of audiology. Ten continuing education hours may be acquired in areas related to speech-language pathology or audiology or both. An individual licensed as both an audiologist and speech-language pathologist shall earn twenty continuing education hours for each license within the two-year period immediately preceding the licensee's renewal applications. However, appropriate continuing education hours may be used for both licenses. Ten continuing education hours shall be acquired in each area of licensure. A licensee is not required to obtain continuing education for their first renewal. This only applies after issuance of the initial license. Please refer to continuing education requirements under Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-4-01 for more information.

Finally, please ensure that your contact information is current. If you changed your mailing address, e-mail address, or name since the last renewal in 2012, please take a moment to submit your updated information in writing at board@slpaud.ohio.gov. You may also update your contact information using your user ID/password at any time at the following link on our website: <https://license.ohio.gov/secure/login.asp>. If you do not have your assigned user ID/password, please submit a written request to the Board office via mail, fax or e-mail. Updating your contact information will ensure that you receive your renewal notice in a timely Manner and subsequent reminders via e-mail. Additionally, all licensees are required to notify the board in writing through the U.S. mail, e mail or fax of any change of name, place of business or mailing address within thirty days of the change.

We look forward to renewing your license in 2014. If there are any questions about the renewal process, please do not hesitate to let us know.



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OSLHA Annual Convention

The Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association (OSLHA) announces:

OSLHA will hold its annual state convention in Columbus at the Hilton-Columbus at Easton Town Center from March 13-15, 2014. Please visit their website at the following link: [OSLHA](http://www.ohioslha.org/e_convention.htm) or directly at: http://www.ohioslha.org/e_convention.htm for more conference and registration information. The theme for this year's conference is: "Innovations for a Brighter Tomorrow"

The Board will participate in two presentations. The first presentation will cover the role of the licensure board and include updates on speech-language pathology and audiology issues. The second presentation will be entitled, Hot Topics in Ethics, 3.0 and is in collaboration with OSLHA's Ethics Committee. The date and time are TBA.

Special Note

The Board is regularly invited to present during various state association conferences and conventions. Board members and staff are often in attendance throughout the conference to answer any questions related to licensure issues. There are always opportunities during the Board's presentation for questions and group discussion.

- **Learn about issues affecting your license**
- **Learn about new changes/updates to laws and rules**
- **Opportunity for discussion of issues in a group setting**
- **Opportunity to ask questions**
- **Direct access to Board members and staff**

OSSPEAC Fall Conference—2013

The Ohio School Speech-Pathology Educational Audiology Coalition (OSSPEAC) held its annual conference in Columbus from October 20-22, 2013. The Board gave a presentation covering the role of the licensure board, which included updates on issues impacting speech-language pathologists and audiologists who practice in the school setting. The presentation also covered issues related to resolving ethical dilemmas in the school setting.

In-Service Professional Development

On December 18, 2013, the Board gave an ethics presentation to licensees employed with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, in conjunction with a scheduled in-service professional development program. Attendees received 1.5 hours of continuing education. The interactive presentation covered ethical dilemmas related to supervision, caseload, telepractice, reimbursement, and adequate facilities/resources necessary to conduct therapy in a school setting. The dilemmas were based on real situations. The Board's Code of Ethics for licensees is a great tool and resource to resolve ethical dilemmas. Licensees are encouraged to contact the Board at: gregg.thornton@slpaud.ohio.gov for guidance and assistance with resolving any ethical dilemma they encounter.

News Flash For OBSLPA Licensed SLPs Seeking ODE Licensure

The Ohio Department of Education welcomes requests from **OBSLPA LICENSED** speech language pathologists for a review of their credentials by the Ohio Credential Review Board in order to determine if they qualify for the Pupil Services license required for Ohio school-based employment.

Questions regarding ODE licensure in speech/language pathology may be directed to:

Jennifer Kangas, at (614-387-7717) or via e-mail at:

Jennifer.Kangas@ode.state.oh.us

OBSLPA WINTER/EARLY SPRING CALENDAR—2014



January 1

January 9

January 15

January 20

January 21

January 24

February 3

February 7

February 17

February 18

February 21

March 3

March 7

March 13

March 17

March 25

April 1

April 8

April 15

State Holiday—New Year’s Day—Board Office Closed

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

Application Review and Approval

State Holiday - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-Board Office Closed

Board and Strategic Planning Meeting

Documents Received Deadline for Next Review

Application Review and Approval

State Holiday - President’s Day-Board Office Closed

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Board Meeting

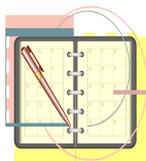
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Note: Board & Committee meeting dates are subject to change. Please visit our website to confirm dates.

Please visit the Board’s website at www.slpaud.ohio.gov for the specific time and location of the Board and committee meetings. In addition, you may also download the Board’s agenda and meeting minutes.

Please note that this calendar is subject to change without notice.



Ask the Board:

Regular Feature

Frequently asked questions will appear in each quarterly newsletter.



Is in-service training required by my employer eligible for continuing education?

Yes, pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code section 4753-4-01 (B)(3) continuing education hours may be earned for in-service programs. The topic must be either specific to the clinical practice of speech-language pathology or audiology or be related to the practitioner’s area of licensure. For example, many school districts require practitioners to complete training on a variety of topics, such as alcohol and drug use, abuse, and addiction,

violence against children, bullying, child abuse, and human trafficking, etc. These topics would be related to the practitioner’s area of licensure. Please forward any questions regarding continuing education programs to the Board at: Board@slpaud.ohio.gov.