

MINUTES

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY BOARD

JULY 12, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms. Andrea Gray called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. in Room W064 of the Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-35.6-2-1(g).

Members Present:

Andrea Gray, MS, CCC-A - Board Chair
Thomas Hemeyer, Ph.D., CCC-A – Vice-Chair
Michael Flahive, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, CCC-A
Patricia Wong, MA, CCC-SLP
Carol Hession, Ph.D., CCC-A

Members Absent:

Vacant, Otolaryngologist Member
Vacant, Consumer Member

State Officials Present:

Ronnie C. Saunders III, Interim Board Director
Donna Sembroski, Board Advisory Counsel, Office of the Attorney General

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda, as amended.

WONG/FLAHIVE
Motion carried 5-0-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 31, 2011

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2011 meeting of the Board, as amended.

FLAHIVE/HESSION
Motion carried 5-0-0

IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Stephanie Ann Myers, pending Speech Language Pathologist Applicant
Re: Positive Responses on Initial Application

Ms. Myers appeared before the Board to discuss the positive responses on her initial application for licensure as a speech language pathologist in the State of Indiana. Ms. Myers answered “yes” to the following questions:

“Have you ever been denied staff membership or privileges in any hospital or health care facility or had such membership or privileges revoked, suspended or subject to any restrictions, probation or other types of discipline or limitations?”

“Have you ever been admonished, censured, reprimanded or requested to withdraw, resign or retire from any hospital or health care facility in which you have trained, held staff membership or privileges or acted as a consultant?”

Ms. Myers informed the Board of her personal and professional background. Ms. Myers explained that she decided to carry over her clinical fellowship as opposed to starting completely over with the new supervisor.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Ms. Myers’ application for licensure as a speech language pathologist.

WONG/FLAHIVE
Motion carried 5-0-0

V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Legislative Updates and Changes

The Board discussed the latest changes regarding the legislative changes for speech language pathologists.

Discussion surrounded the current law reopening the grandfathering of speech language pathologists.

There was a concern about the term “life license” not being in the current law and the possibility of more under qualified licensees being let into the profession. The Board is curious to how many people within the school system this provision will affect.

The Board was also concerned about “a license in speech and hearing therapy” verses “a license in speech-language pathology”, both issued by the Department of Education, and would like a clearer understanding if those are two distinct licenses or not.

Ms. Gray purposed meeting with the other stakeholders and associations to further discuss the legislative updates and the Board is willing to sit down with any party that wants to be involved.

The Board also discussed the Regulatory Occupation Evaluation Committee (ROEC). Ms. Gray and Mr. David Miller, member of ROEC, gave an explanation of the committee and its purpose. The Board is not up for review at this time.

B. Telepracticing

The Board discussed telepracticing for speech language pathology and audiology. Mr. Michael Flahive presented the Board with information regarding the practice.

The discussion about delivering services across state lines was brought up with concerns.

Additional information and research will be presented at the next scheduled meeting by Mr. Flahive.

C. 2012 Meeting Dates

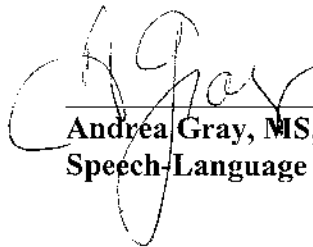
The Board set the meeting dates for the 2012 calendar. The dates are January 17, 2012 and July 10, 2012.

D. Upcoming Renewal Discussion

The Board discussed the upcoming renewal period as licenses expired on December 31, 2011.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board adjourned at 11:53 a.m.



Andrea Gray, MS, CCC-A -- Board Chair
Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board

Date 1/17/2012