

TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

DATE: November 18, 2008

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Iris Room, Ground Floor
227 French Landing
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Dr. Melinda Richards, Speech Pathologist, Chair
Dr. Valeria Matlock, Audiologist
Dr. William Dickinson, Audiologist
Ms. Paulette Dobbins, Speech Pathologist
Ms. Lynne Harmon, Speech Pathologist

STAFF PRESENT: Stacy Tarr, Board Administrator
Lexie Whittemore, Advisory Attorney
Barbara S. Maxwell, Administrative Director

Dr. Richards, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. A sufficient number of Board members were present to constitute a quorum.

Review/Ratify August 19, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

Upon review and correction of the August 19, 2008, Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dobbins, to ratify the minutes as amended. The motion carried.

Review HIS June 12, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the June 12, 2008 HIS Council meeting minutes. Dr. Dickinson said for the record, he only received one phone message from Mr. Haltom, not three as stated in the minutes, and there was one e-mail correspondence.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report of the HIS Council, Ms. Harmon pointed out that the council had a negative balance of -\$24,724.92 and asked how it would be resolved. Ms. Miller said the council is required to be self sufficient and must address the deficit through fee increases or fewer council meetings.

Dr. Richards asked if the Board could receive a detailed explanation on how the Council plans to reduce the deficit. Ms. Miller said since the Council is under the auspices of the Board, the Board could make that request.

Grant Proposal for the HIS Council to Purchase a Simulator

Dr. Richards asked what progress has been made in regards to the simulator for the HIS Council.

Dr. Dickinson stated he has been trying to arrange a meeting with Mr. Haltom but has been unable to schedule a date. Dr. Dickinson stated that he has been using a simulator software package with some of his students at Vanderbilt and highly recommends the Board move forward with the software. Dr. Dickinson stated the software is \$300 without a computer but feels the Council should secure computer use.

Office of General Counsel Report

Ms. Whittemore reviewed the OGC Report with the Board stating there are three (3) new complaints for CDS, bringing the total to four (4). Ms. Whittemore stated there is a new conflict of interest policy statement for the Board to review and sign. Regarding the conflict of interest policy statement Ms. Harmon asked if it means that she cannot chair the reimbursement committee of TAASLP. Ms. Miller said there is a provision under number 7 of the policy that allows Board members to submit questions regarding conflicts of interest to the ethics compliance officer, who is Al Partee at the Office of General Counsel at the Department of Health.

Rule Amendments

Ms. Whittemore reviewed the amendments to Rules 1370-1-.01, .02, .04, .05, .10 and .15 regarding the definitions of an “accredited institution”, “clinical fellow” and “clinical extern”; supervision of clinical fellows and clinical externs; speech pathologist/audiologist qualifications for licensure; procedures for licensure; clinical fellowships and externs; and, conditions of probation. The Board asked Ms. Whittemore to add ASHA certified under Rule 1370-1-.02. and to remove the term unlicensed and unregistered audiologists in Rule 1370-1-.05 and replace it with student practitioners. Upon discussion, Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dobbins to approve the amendments as revised. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Ms. Tarr reviewed the Financial Report with the Board stating the Board had \$69,991.82 of its \$79,978.60 transferred to the State General Fund, leaving a cumulative carryover as of June 30, 2008 of \$9,986.78. Dr. Dickinson asked if there was a generalized formula applied to all Boards. Ms. Miller responded that every Board was subject the same percentage of it's surplus being transferred to the general fund unless the Board was operating at a deficit.

Administrative Report

Ms. Tarr reviewed the Administrative Report stating there are 326 active audiologists, 1622 active speech pathologists and 57 registered speech language pathology assistants.

Ms. Tarr asked that all travel requests be submitted for approval one-hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date of the event.

Ms. Tarr stated, of the twenty-seven (27) audiologists renewals audited from January 1 through July 31, 2008, twenty-one (21) were compliant.

Ms. Tarr stated, of the fifty-two (52) speech pathology renewal audited from January 1 through July 31, 2008, forty (40) were compliant.

Ms. Tarr stated, of the five (5) speech language pathology assistants audited from January 1 through July 31, 2008, four (4) were compliant.

Ms. Harmon asked if a licensee can apply for reciprocity in another state if their license is in a fail to renew status in Tennessee. Ms. Tarr stated it would depend on the other state's rules and statutes.

Agreed Citations for Lapsed Licenses and Continuing Education

Ms. Tarr said when she acquired the Board in 2006 she was unable to locate the policy statements regarding lapsed licenses and failure to obtain the continuing education hour requirements.

Ms. Harmon suggested a \$100 fine for failure to obtain the required continuing education and ninety days to make up the missed hours.

Ms. Whittemore stated that failure to obtain the required continuing education is considered discipline and goes on the Board's disciplinary website but not the National Databank.

Upon discussion, Dr. Richards made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dickinson, to require licensees who fail to obtain the required continuing education hours to pay a \$100 penalty and make up the deficit continuing education hours within ninety (90) days. The motion carried.

Fee Adjustments

Ms. Whittemore said it was previously discussed as to whether the Board wanted to decrease fees. Dr. Dickinson suggested that given the current financial report, the Board should keep the fees as they are.

ASHA and AAA Procedures for Licensure Verification and Disciplinary Actions

Ms. Tarr stated she received a letter from the Tennessee Department of Education requesting the board to use the online verification system instead of responding to written requests.

Ms. Tarr said the rules require written licensure verification from the agency and asked the Board to determine how licenses are to be verified.

Upon discussion, the Board decided to continue the requirement of written licensure verification.

Grant Proposal to the HIS Council

Dr. Dickinson stated he would like permission to make a proposal to Mr. Haltom and the Council to purchase the software and equipment.

Ms. Miller said the Council must send a proposal to the CDS Board that must be approved by the Assistant Commissioner which justifies the request. Ms. Miller and asked Ms. Tarr to put it on the agenda for the next Council meeting to discuss.

Dr. Dickinson said he will attend the meeting to give a presentation of the simulator. The Board authorized Dr. Dickinson to attend the next HIS Council meeting to make a presentation regarding the objectivity of the test and the purpose and use of a simulator.

“Audioprostology”

Dr. Matlock stated she formally asked the president of TAASLP to submit a position statement regarding the term “audioprostology” in order for the Board to have additional information which should be available at the next Board meeting. Dr. Richards asked if ASHA has a position statement on the term. Dr. Dickinson suggested the Board be parallel to TAASLP.

Newly Licensed/Reinstated Audiologists, Speech Language Pathologists

Upon review, Ms. Dobbins made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dickinson, to approve the following newly licensed Audiologists.

Hollis, Matthew	1527
Dawkins, Sarah	1482
Johnson, Tami	1532
Alvey, Charlene	1530
Porter, Susan	1484
Gardino, Julie	1487
Bilovecky, Aaron	1531
Douglas, Tracy	1499
Dement, Kathryn	1536
Devenport, Kimberly	1538

The motion carried.

Upon review, Ms. Dobbins made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dickinson, to approve the following newly registered Speech Language Pathologists:

Smiley, Sabrina	3941
Ayers, Jennifer	3957

Tyson, Catherine	3719
Weiler, Brian	3955
Edberg Smith, Maria	3663
Johnson, Ashley	3672
Trautschold, Molly	3703
Hannifin, Sara	3951
Holder, Amy	3785
Coles-White, D'Jaris	3906
Hulsey, Kyle	3947
Lenden-Holt, Jessica	3930
Kaller, Anne	3917
Basham, Pepper	3948
Thompson, Carla	3820
Geller, Stephanie	3769
Eggers, Tricia	3961
Mercado, Lisa	3932
Roads, Elizabeth	3789
Carlson, Ashley	3840
Weltich, Nicole	3654
Savarin, Sabrina	3753
Samson, Jessica	3653
Doughty, Carla	3655
Watts, Melissa	3966
Gagnon, David	3970
Legg, Mary Ellen	3768
Fannin, Heather	3782
Vaughn, Carrie	3975
Looney, Patricia	3978
Castleberry, Charlotte	3844
Lindsey, Katherine	3716
Aswad, Kelly	3958
Hill, Cindy	3967
Tyson, Linda	3981
Burklow, Elizabeth	3984
Watts, Wendy	3757
Ruel, Brienne	3980
O'Leary-Simmons, Kathleen	3929
Mills, Margaret	3976
Green, Donald	3971
Brown, Ashley	3767
Parks, Vicki	3939
Dunn, Laney	3749
Taylor, Leah	3713
McNeill, Molly	3709
King, Nina	3648
Price, Jana	3988

Fox, Agnes	3729
Cooper, Rachel	3792
Hawk, Bethany	3815
Meriwether, Allonda	3809
Bailey, Tashundra	3712
Scally, Christine	3993

The motion carried.

Upon review, Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dobbins, to approve the following Speech Language Pathology Assistants:

Sharpe, Sarah	320
Horner, Marcia	321
Parker, Carrie	319

The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Dickinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Harmon, to approve the following reinstated Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists:

Speech Pathologists

NeKuri, April	3433
Lohnes. Terry	1338
Rea, Jessica	3500.
Leslie, Reagan	3176
Harrison, Courtney	2595
Hiestand, Cynthia	2128
Oringderff. Darla	1994.
Jones, Merrily	538
Cooks, Amber	3157

Audiologists

Ellison, Cynthia	1066
Campbell, Christy	1102

The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dickinson, to approve the following reinstated Speech Language Pathology Assistants.

Renshaw, Anne Marie	190
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The motion carried.

Upon review, Ms. Dobbins made a motion, seconded by Ms. Harmon, to approve the following closed files:

Speech Pathologists

Daphne Richmond	3783	Deficiency letter sent on October 9, 2007 .Info not received.
Marcea Hughes	3826	Deficiency letter sent on February 29, 2008. Info not received.
Donna Coffey	3738	Deficiency letter sent September 25, 2007. Info not received.
Suzanne Morse	3791	Deficiency letter sent November 6, 2007.
Kendall Russell	568	Deficiency letter sent August 30, 2007. Info not received.

Speech CFY's

Jamie Fisher	3824	CFY Expired May 22, 2008
Whitney Cole	3731	CFY Expired May 23, 2008
Samantha Lee	3726	CFY Expired May 21, 2008
Kerine Chin	3572	CFY Expired October 10, 2007
Jacqueline Smith	3717	CFY Expired July 23, 2007
Jennifer Jackson	3696	CFY Expired April 2, 2008

Laura Lasseter	3806	CFY Deficiency letter sent January 9, 2008. Info not received.
Tanya Jackson	2971	CFY Expired April 8, 2005

The motion carried.

Application Files

Upon review of the application file of **Ashley Canup**, speech pathology applicant, Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dobbins, to approve Ms. Camp for licensure. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application file of **Angela Solburg**, speech pathology applicant, Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dickinson, to approve Ms. Solburg for licensure. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application file of **Eric McDaniel**, audiology applicant, Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dickinson, to deny Mr. McDaniel's application for licensure at this time. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application file of **Keri Turley**, speech pathology applicant, Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dobbins, to approve Ms. Turley's application for licensure. The motion carried.

Investigative Report

Ms. Stone reviewed the Investigative Report stating seven (7) complaints have been received against speech pathologists. Ms. Stone said of the seven (7) complaint received one has been submitted to the screening panel.

Ms. Stone said there were two (2) complaints against audiologists which have been referred to OGC.

Disciplinary Report

Ms. Stone reviewed the Disciplinary Report stating two practitioners are currently being monitored.

Review Correspondence

The Board reviewed a letter from **Mary H. Kennady**, audiologist applicant, requesting an extension of the December 31, 2008 deadline for licensure as a master's level audiologist. Upon discussion, Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dickinson, to grant Ms. Kennady a

ninety (90) day extension of her application which will allow her until March 31, 2009 to meet the licensure requirements. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Rachel L. Alstott**, SLP-CFY applicant, requesting the Board to accept a letter from Mary Jo Germani, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Department Chairperson of Ball State University, in lieu of her transcript which will not be available until May 2009, in order to obtain her CFY upon completion of her externship in January 2009. Upon discussion, the Board asked Ms. Tarr to send Ms. Alstott a letter stating she could apply for CFY registration upon completion of her internship. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Stacy Kelly**, SLP-CFY applicant, requesting the Board to accept a letter from a faculty member, in lieu of her transcript which will not be available until four (4) to eight (8) weeks, in order to obtain her CFY upon completion of her externship in December 2008. Upon discussion, the Board asked Ms. Tarr to send Ms. Kelly a letter stating she could apply for CFY registration upon completion of her internship. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Arlene Ricki Le Vine**, speech pathologist, who is reinstating her license. Ms. LeVine requests that the Board allow her to obtain the ten (10) hours of continuing education required for reinstatement via the Internet. Upon discussion, the Board determined that Ms. LeVine must obtain the ten (10) continuing education hours pursuant to Rule 1370-1-.12. in order to reinstate her license. The motion carried.

With no other business to conduct, Ms. Harmon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Dickinson, to adjourn at 12 p.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences at the February 10, 2009 board meeting.