

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

Date: May 2, 2006

Time: 10:05 a.m.

Location: Room 133, Ground Floor
Cordell Hull Building
425 Fifth Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37247-1010

Members Present: Dr. Melinda Richards, Chair
Dr. Brian Burkey, Physician
Dr. Mary Fino-Szumski, Audiologist
Dr. William W. Dickinson
Dr. Sandra Newsom, Speech Pathologist

Members Absent: Ms. Donna Schwaber, Secretary
Ms. Rochelle Kirby, Consumer

Staff Present: Ms. Bonnie Ferrell, Board Administrator
Ms. Juanita Presley, Advisory Attorney
Ms. Marva Swann, Unit Director
Mr. Jerry Kosten, Rules Coordinator
Ms. Brandi Bozarth, Litigating Attorney

A quorum being present, the Board meeting was called to order by Dr. Melinda Richards 10:10 a.m.

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Juanita Presley, reminded the Board members of their responsibilities under the conflict of interest policy.

Ms. Presley reviewed the travel requirements with the Board.

Ms. Presley presented the Office of General Counsel Report and the status of the following rules:

Rules:

1370-1-.05, Criminal background checks, was approved by the Secretary of State and will become effective May 31, 2006.

1370-1-.01, .03, .05, .06, .08 through .16 and .19 through .20, Screening panels, titles and housekeeping.

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Ms. Presley informed the Board that to her knowledge there were no contested cases or other legal matters to be heard at this Board meeting.

LETTER OF REPRIMAND

Ms. Brandi Bozarth presented the Board with a letter of reprimand for Ms. Linda Gemayel, Audiologist #222. The investigation revealed that during a period of time between 1998 and 2001, Ms. Gemayel improperly interpreted and reported test data in infant hearing screening for several patients. This improper interpretation and reporting of test data resulted in a delay of diagnosis of hearing loss for at least two (2) of the patients.

Dr. Sandra Newsom made a motion to approve the letter of reprimand. Dr. Brian Burkey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION

Dr. Richards informed the Board that some states, including Maryland, have revised their guidelines regarding endoscopy. The Maryland State Board of Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists clarified that “speech-language pathologists should be able to access a physician when utilizing endoscopy in their practice” A speech-language pathologist should be able to quickly consult a physician in the event there is an emergency during or after the endoscopic procedure; but the physician need not be in the room or building while the procedure is performed. She asked if we should do the same and amend our guidelines.

Our statutes are as follows:

- A. “Practice of Audiology” means the non-medical application of principles, methods, and procedures.
- B. “Practice of Speech Language Pathology” ” means the non-medical application of principles, methods, and procedures.

Ms. Presley stated she would review our statutes to decide what “non-medical” entails and would inform the Board at their August 8, 2006 meeting..

Legislation

Mr. Jerry Kosten informed the Board that five (5) Bills have been signed by the Governor. Two were of concern to this Board. One was regarding awarding grants for a variety of purposes. The other one was in regards to adding more liability to protect health care workers that provide service during an emergency or disaster.

Disciplinary Report

Ms. Marva Swann informed the Board that there were no licensees being monitored at this time.

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Investigative Report

Ms. Swann reported that there were three (3) open cases to report at this time. All three (3) were filed in 2005. No complaints have been filed to date for 2006.

Financial Report

Ms. Swann stated that the Board would receive a new financial report at their August 8, 2006 meeting.

Dr. Burkey asked if the Board could use some of their net funds to issue grants? After much discussion, the Board requested Ms. Ferrell to ask Ms. Lisa Tittle, Director of Administrative Services to attend the August 8, 2006 meeting to discuss grants, reducing application fees and the increased cost of Office of General Counsel expenses.

Minutes

Dr. Newsom made the motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Communications Disorders and Sciences February 7, 2006 Board meeting with the following change:

1. Change November 29, 2006 to February 29, 2005.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Mary Fino-Szumski and the motion carried.

Dr. Newsom made the motion to approve the Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists minutes for their December 1, 2005 meeting as written. Dr. Fino-Szumski seconded the motion and the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Bonnie Ferrell reviewed the Administrator's Report with the Board. She stated that the new rule requiring all applicants for initial licensure in Tennessee obtain a Criminal Background Check would become effective June 1, 2006.

Ms. Ferrell informed the Board that Health Related Boards would move to Metro Center on June 14, 2006 and that the August 8, 2006 Board meeting would be held at the Maxwell House Hotel.

Dr. Richards requested Ms. Ferrell to bring a report showing how many Speech Pathologists and Audiologists have retired or have let their license go into failed to renew status for the last ten (10) years.

Ms. Ferrell informed the Board that Dr. Donna Schwaber received her thank you letter and was no longer on the Board. She presented a news release from the Governor's Communication Office, stating that Mr. Herbert J. Gould, Ph.D., Memphis was appointed to the Board of Communications Disorders and Sciences but as of this date she had not received any formal notification.

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INTERNET UPDATE

Ms. Ferrell presented the Board the updated home page for the Board of Communications Disorders and Sciences. She told them to notice that there was “**NEW**” at the very top of the page. By clicking on this icon, you would see the instructions for applicants regarding the Criminal Background Check and that this rule will be enforced effective June 1, 2006.

Ratification

A motion was made by Dr. Newsom to grant licenses to all of the following licensees that Ms. Ferrell had initially approved. Dr. Burky seconded the motion and the motion carried.

SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS

1. **Balint, Michelle Elizabeth - 3270**
2. **Bayer, Courtney Marie, - 3422**
3. **Cadiere, Lisa Lynn - 3435**
4. **Dickinson, Lisa Michelle - 3442**
5. **Duncan, Karen Lee – 2123**
6. **Dunn, Leigh Michelle - 3434**
7. **Dykes, Angela - 3261**
8. **Ferguson, Felicia Lynn - 3227**
9. **Fraser, Jill Renee – 3427**
10. **Fuqua, Allison D. – 3212**
11. **Gregory, Donna Kathryn - 3418**
12. **Holton, Susan D. – 3420**
13. **Hulen, Shannon D. – 3436**
14. **Hutchinson, Angela Rochelle - 3251**
15. **Latta, Kristina L. – 3213**
16. **Marcum, Katie Long – 3274**
17. **McNight, Tia A. – 2915**
18. **Morelock, Kimberly M. - 3302**
19. **Munn, Rebecca Diane - 3429**
20. **Olive, Jacqueline Denise - 3266**
21. **Owens, Amanda L. – 3147**
22. **Rossman, Kimberly Michelle – 3444**
23. **Sgeflet, April Lee – 3433**
24. **Smith, Bethany Erin – 3267**
25. **Stevens, Hannah Leigh – 3232**

AUDIOLOGISTS

None

SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS BY RECIPROCITY

1. **Dominy, Brandi Dawn – 3423 – GA**
2. **Reali, Kristin Kay – 3404 – MA, NJ, IN**
3. **Ruggiero, Carrie Marie – 3426 – PA, MA**
4. **Story, Jenny Sanderson – 2769 - KYA**
5. **Stuart, Amy Jo – 3438 – OH**
6. **Shao, Jenny – 3340 – DE**

AUDIOLOGIST BY RECIPROCITY

1. **Dundas, John Andrews – 1452 - OH**

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST REINSTATEMENTS

1. **Ballinger, Tawni C. - 912**
2. **Jenkins, Patricia Ann Lang - 993**
3. **Lee, Barbara Dean - 14210**
4. **Painter, Pam E. – 1889**
5. **Price, Pam E. - 1889**
6. **Robertson, Velma S. – 259**
7. **Willis, Diana Lynn – 1979**
8. **York, Robin Bloomer - 2974**

AUDIOLOGIST REINSTATEMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Richards had an e-mail that she received from Ms. Lynn Burgess expressing her frustrations regarding the application for Speech Language Pathology Assistants. She is of the opinion we need to have all the requirements listed that can be accessed online. Ms. Ferrell presented the Board with a copy of the SLPA application that she downloaded from our website. The application contains the rules and instruction sheet. After much discussion the Board requested Ms. Ferrell to make a few changes on the instruction sheet. The order of items required was changed for the applicant to better understand what is needed. Ms. Ferrell said she would amend the instruction sheet.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Dr. Newsom made the motion to adjourn. Dr. Burkey seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Dr. Melinda Richards, Board Chair

Date