

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

- Date:** February 27, 2007
- Time:** 10:05 a.m.
- Location:** Iris Room, 1st Floor  
227 French Landing  
Heritage Place Metro Center  
Nashville, TN 37243
- Members Present:** Dr. Melinda Richards, Speech Pathologist, Chair  
Dr. Brian Burkey, Physician  
Dr. Mary Fino-Szumski, Audiologist  
Dr. William W. Dickinson, Audiologist  
Dr. Herbert J. Gould, Audiologist  
Dr. Sandra Newsom, Speech Pathologist
- Members Absent:** Ms. Nakeda Rochelle Kirby, Consumer
- Staff Present:** Ms. Bonnie Ferrell, Board Administrator  
Ms. Juanita Presley, Advisory Attorney  
Mr. Jerry Kosten, Rules Coordinator  
Ms. Robbie Bell, Ex-Officia, Director
- Visitors Present:** Mr. John Williams, Lobbyist  
Ms. Courtney Cross, Court Reporter

A quorum being present, Dr. Melinda Richards called the Board meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

#### **Office of General Counsel**

Ms. Juanita Presley, the Board's advisory attorney reminded the Board members of their responsibilities under the conflict of interest policy. Ms. Presley reviewed the travel requirements with the Board.

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### **O.G.C. Report**

Ms. Presley reviewed the O.G.C. Report with the Board. She informed them that there was no pending litigation or contested cases at this time.

### **Rules**

Mr. Jerry Kosten reviewed the following rule amendments:

- A. Revising Clinical Fellowship year perimeter
- B. Define alternate supervision
- C. Use of Titles
- D. Stays and reconsiderations of disciplinary orders

After reviewing the rule amendments, Dr. Sandra Newsom made a motion to authorize a rule making hearing. The motion was seconded by Dr. Herbert J. Gould. The motion carried.

Dr. Mary Fino-Szumski brought up the discussion regarding qualifications for an individual working on research without pay, under the supervision of a licensed Speech Pathologist.

Ms. Presley stated that if a speech language pathologist and/or audiologist is working within the scope of their practice, then that person must be licensed whether providing primary clinical work or research work.

Dr. Richards asked Ms. Bonnie Ferrell if all disciplinary actions would be reported to ASHA. Ms. Ferrell stated that she had given Ms. Lea Phelps the e-mail address for Mr. David Denton at ASHA. Ms. Phelps said all disciplinary actions taken by the Board of Communications Disorders and Sciences would be e-mailed to Mr. Denton on a monthly basis.

Dr. Gould brought up the discussion regarding the upcoming changes requiring Audiologists to have a Doctorate Degree to become licensed.

Mr. John Williams informed the Board that universities would award the Doctorate Degree in the field of Audiology and would meet the approval of the Board.

Dr. Gould requested Mr. Kosten to draft amendments to our rules regarding this change for the Boards next meeting. Mr. Kosten said that we did not need to change our rules until the Legislator passes said change.

Mr. Williams informed the Board that House Bill 233, allowing Speech Pathologists to do an endoscopy would be going before the Legislator in the near future.

### **Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the November 7, 2006 Board meeting. Dr. Newsom made a motion to accept the minutes with two (2) typing error changes. Dr. Fino-Szumski seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Hearing Instrument Specialists, October 12, 2006 meeting. There was no action taken; they were for their information only.

### **Administrator's Report**

Ms. Ferrell reviewed the Administrator's Report with the Board, informing them of upcoming rule changes, discussions and that the standard reimbursement rates for mileage, meals and lodging had been increased as of January 15, 2007.

### **Investigative Report/Disciplinary Report**

The Board reviewed the investigative and disciplinary reports. There being no new actions taken since the last report it was for their information only.

### **Correspondence and Application Review**

**Ms. Joyce M. McCarthy:** The Board reviewed Ms. McCarthy's application for licensure as a speech pathologist. Ms. McCarthy has been a licensed speech pathologist in the state of California for thirty nine (39) years. We have reciprocity with California at this time but when she received her license in California they did not require a Masters Degree. After much discussion, Ms. Newsom made a motion for Ms. Ferrell to request Ms. McCarthy to submit documentation of the sixty (60) units of post degree she received at California State University. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brian Burkey and the motion carried.

**Ms. Marisa K. Chandler:** The Board reviewed Ms. Chandler's request for a deferral or extension of her CEU's for 2006; due to illness and two (2) deaths in her family. Dr. Burkey made a motion to have Ms. Chandler submit documentation from her doctor regarding her illness and a copy of the obituaries of the two (2) family members. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gould and the motion passed.

**Ms. Melinda Marashi:** After reviewing the continuing education submitted by Ms. Marashi Ms. Newsom made a motion to allow Ms. Marashi credit for one hour and forty five minutes. That being all the time that was pertaining to her profession. The motion was seconded by Dr. Burkey and the motion carried.

**Ms. Daennette Yarber:** After reviewing the request to allow Speech Pathologists to write prescriptions for thickener, Ms. Newsom made a Motion to have Ms. Ferrell send Ms. Yarber a letter informing her that the Board does not have any jurisdiction over the VA. Ms. Yarber need to take this matter up with them. If a Speech Pathologist is working in the private sector they fall under the State's Rules, which do not allow them to write prescriptions. Dr. Burkey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00pm.

Dr. Richards called the Board back to order at 12:30pm.

#### **Ratification of Initial Approvals**

After reviewing the list of initial approvals for licensure and registration Ms. Newsom made a motion to ratify the following applicants for licensure and registration. Dr. Burkey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

#### **SPEECH**

1. Barker, Tracie J. – 3613
2. Billups, Erica Evette – 3583
3. Brady, Beverly – 3448
4. Broadfoot, Rebecca S. – 857
5. Buckles, Melanie K. – 3411
6. Davis, Ginger Lee – 3555
7. Drost, Laurie Allison – 3582
8. Dunn, Julie A. – 3414
9. Evans, Lea Helen - 3606
10. Howe, Jennifer Delores – 3592
11. Johnson, Monica Renee – 3589
12. Kreiger, Kathleen Ellen – 3580
13. Miller, Laura L. – 3357
14. Otero, Tanasi Michelle – 3596
15. Owens, Lauren Dean – 2587
16. Prater, Allison Denise – 3610

17. Pouncy, Elizabeth E. – 3363
18. Savely, Hillary Beth – 3599
19. Scott, Lateia S. – 3609
20. Smith, Audrey W. – 1400
21. Southern, Megan L. – 3364
22. Stewart, Stacey D. – 3341
23. Vickers, Elizabeth Jane – 3617
24. Whitaker, Angela Shaw – 3480

### **AUDIO**

1. Lowery, Kristy – 1473
2. Riethmeir, Geraldine – 1473
3. Walton, Mary Carol – 1472

### **SPEECH by RECIPROACITY**

1. Friedman, Kelly Ann – 3593 – FL
2. Guntupalli, Vijaya Kumar – 3594 – NC
3. Hardy, Kerry Ann – 3598 – CA

### **SPEECH REINSTATEMENTS**

1. Gibson, Todd Andrew – 1822
2. Honeycutt, Ashley Susanne – 3010
3. Lee, Gina Eason – 1658
4. Thompson, Heather Diane – 2657

### **AUDIO by Renistatement**

1. Crider, Jennifer L. – 1278
2. Henson, Melissa B. – 1079
3. Johnston, Kristie W. – 1112

### **SLPA's**

1. Baker, Lauren – 293
2. Bavido, Heather C. – 276
3. Coleman, Candice – 245
4. Hale, John A. – 295
5. Hall, Lakeisha – 279
6. Herringshaw, Doris Anne – 287
7. Jones, Paula – 294
8. Kilieski, Charles E. – 297
9. Longstreet, Gloria – 172

10. Miles, Lorna – 191
11. Miles, Robin – 285
12. Morris, Lindsey A. – 289
13. Nobel, Catherine – 249
14. Robinson, Chanada – 251
15. Scott, Jessica Keen – 292
16. Stalsworth, Tara Jo – 245
17. Thomas, Katrina Ann - 195

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Dr. Burkey made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Dickinson seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

**These minutes were ratified at the August 21, 2007 Board meeting.**