

MINUTES

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY BOARD

January 17, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms. Andrea Gray called the meeting to order at 10:28 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:

Thomas McGee, Board Director
Ronnie C. Saunders III, Assistant 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 JULY 12, 2011

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011 meeting of the Board.

FLAHIVE/HESSION
Motion carried 5-0-0

IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Lynn A. Leahy, pending Speech Language Pathologist
Re: Application Review

Ms. Leahy indicated that she had a delay in getting her application processed and she believed she had obtained an extension of her CFY through October of 2011. She indicated that she later found out from IPLA that they had not sent the e-mail confirming the extension of her CFY and, in fact, her CFY had expired as of July 1, 2011. She indicated that her e-mail came through AOL and that they had not saved an electronic copy of her e-mail so she was unable to track where the e-mail had come from.

Thomas McGee confirmed that a thorough search of IPLA's e-mail had been completed and that the e-mail had not been sent by IPLA. Ms. Leahy could provide no other explanation for where the e-mail came from. She did provide evidence from her employer that she had been with a client at the time the e-mail stated it was sent.

A motion was made and seconded to grant Ms. Leahy's application for licensure as a Speech Language Pathologist

HEMEYER/WONG
Motion carried 5-0-0

A motion was made and seconded to make Ms. Leahy's second issued CFY effective as of July 1, 2011.

HEMEYER/FLAHIVE
Motion carried 5-0-0

B. Amy-Jo Coleman-Perryman, pending Clinical Fellowship Registration

Re: Positive Responses on Initial Application

Ms. Coleman-Perryman appeared before the Board to discuss the positive responses on her initial application for her registration for clinical fellowship in the State of Indiana. Ms. Myers answered "yes" to the following questions:

"Have you ever been convicted of, pled guilty or nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor or felony in any state?"

Ms. Coleman-Perryman informed the Board that she has applied for her CFY. She indicated that she answered "Yes" due to a criminal conviction in 1981 based upon embezzlement which occurred in 1979. She indicated that she has lived in Indiana for four years and intends to remain in Indiana. She indicated that she has had no legal issues since this conviction.

A motion was made and seconded to grant her application for Clinical Fellowship Registration.

HEMEYER/FLAHIVE
Motion carried 5-0-0

C. Stephanie Lynn Levin, 23002121A

Re: Positive Responses on Reinstatement Application

Ms. Levin failed to appear before the Board to discuss her reinstatement application for licensure as an audiologist. The Board discussed her reinstatement application and a motion was made and seconded to deny Ms. Levin's reinstatement application based upon her failure to appear for her personal appearance, her failure to complete her required Continuing Education, and her failure to disclose her previous discipline on her application.

HEMEYER/FLAHIVE
Motion carried 5-0-0

V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Director's Report

Mr. McGee updated the Board that the renewal period had ended and that there had only been minor issues with renewals which had been ironed out. Mr. McGee also informed the Board of his attempts to set up a meeting with the Department of Education as well as his lack of success in securing a meeting. The Board indicated it strongly wished for the meeting to be set up and Mr. McGee indicated he would continue to attempt to get a meeting scheduled.

B. Legislative Updates and Changes

Mr. McGee informed the Board of the pendency of HB 1006 which would eliminate licensure for Hearing Aid Dealers. Mr. McGee discussed the process that led from the Regulated Occupations Evaluation Committee evaluation of the Committee of Hearing Aid Dealer Examiners through the current status as a house bill. The Board requested more information regarding the Regulated Occupations Evaluation Committee.

C. Telepracticing

Mr. Flahive presented to the Board on the topic of telepracticing for speech language pathology and audiology including the delivering of services across state lines. Mr. Flahive indicated that several states have already promulgated rules or statutes on the topic. Mr. Flahive indicated that he would bring sample language to the next meeting for the board to consider.

D. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

A motion was made and seconded to elect Andrea Gray as Chair

HEMEYER/HESSION
Motion carried 5-0-0

A motion was made and seconded to elect Patricia Wong as Vice-Chair

HEMEYER/HESSION
Motion carried 5-0-0

E. CE Waiver request for Edith Armstrong

The Board discussed Ms. Armstrong's request for waiver of her CEU requirements due to her caring for an ill family member.

A motion was made and seconded to allow her to extend her license to June 30, 2012 and required her to complete all CEUs from the 2009-2011 renewal period by that time.

HEMEYER/WONG
Motion carried 5-0-0

F. Discussion of Handling of Duties Between Meetings

A motion was made and seconded to allow the Chair and Vice-Chair the authority to make initial decisions regarding licensure between meetings. The Chair and Vice Chair are to use their judgment as to what can be handled with and without a personal appearance before the Board.

HESSION/HEMEYER
Motion carried 5-0-0

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

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