

MINUTES

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY BOARD

JANUARY 31, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms. Andrea Gray called the meeting to order at 10:31 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:

Valerie L. Jones, 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 20, 2010

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2010 meeting of the Board, as amended.

HESSION/FLAHIVE
Motion carried 5-0-0

IV. INDIANA SPEECH & HEARING ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

Debbie Harman, President of ISHA, appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed changes to the SLP support personnel statutes.

Ms. Harman informed the Board that SLP's working in the schools that service students and are assisted by the support personnel working within the new school system.

Schools are having issues implementing the implementation of the rules. Ms. Harman stated that the rules are cumbersome and make the implantation is difficult and confusing and as a result SLP support personnel. Senate Bill 240 is in a committee will be heard on Wednesday.

They want to delete the 3 years of experience before being allowed to supervise support personnel. To allow those with a life license be allowed to supervise.

Void the rule that requires a 2 year requirement in order to supervise SLP support personnel.

The board questioned Ms. Harman about the life license suggestion and the qualifications of those with a life license and the number of individuals involved. Ms. Harman stated that she does not know the specific number of providers.

The board expressed concerns about continuing competency requirement and the burden of the actual speech-language pathology.

Ms. Harman is requesting that SLP's with life licenses be allowed to supervise.

The board is concerned with case load caps and untrained SLP's and support personnel providing services. Ms. Harman stated that there are protections in place and heavy monitoring for compliance.

The board is troubled with the elimination of the 3 years of clinical experience.

V. ELKHART COUNTY SUPPORT PERSONNEL PRESENTATION

Jim Conner, Superintendent of Middleburg Community Schools, and Mary Beth Hamilton, (see card), appeared before the Board to discuss the special education needs of the students as it relates to the supervision of SLP support personnel.

Mr. Conner addressed the specific concerns their school district is facing. Mr. Conner expressed his desire to make sure that children's service needs are addressed. Mr. Conner expressed that they work diligently to insure that the rules are followed. Mr. Conner expressed his desire that the clinical experience requirement be eliminated and that those with life licenses be allowed to supervise without their CCC's.

Ms. Hamilton discussed the SLP needs for the school system. 6 out of 21 professionals in that area have a life license.

VI. DISCUSSION – SENATE BILL 240

The Board discussed Senate Bill 240 which, if signed into law, will allow a speech-language pathologist that works in the school system, holds the PLA license, and also holds a life license the ability to supervise support personnel without having a certificate of clinical competence (CCC) from ASHA.

The board needs to continue to understand that the board represents service providers in all areas.

VII. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Anthony Augustus Muraski, pending Audiology Applicant

Re: Positive Response on Initial Application

Mr. Muraski appeared before the Board to discuss the positive response on his initial application for licensure as an audiologist in the State of Indiana. Mr. Muraski answered “yes” to the following question:

“Have you ever been convicted of, plead guilty , or *nolo contendre* to any offense, misdemeanor or felony in any state?”

Mr. Muraski informed the Board of his personal and professional background. Mr. Muraski was convicted of Health care fraud on May 21, 2008 and placed on probation.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Mr. Muraski’s application for licensure as an audiologist.

Hemeyer /FLAHIVE
Motion carried 4-0-1

Ms. Wong abstained.

B. Diane Rodenberg Behrle, pending SLP Applicant

Re: Positive Response on Initial Application

Ms. Behrle appeared before the Board to discuss the positive response on his initial application for licensure as an audiologist in the State of Indiana. Ms. Behrle answered “yes” to the following question:

“Have you ever been convicted of, plead guilty , or *nolo contendre* to any offense, misdemeanor or felony in any state?”

Ms. Behrle informed the Board of her personal and professional career. Ms. Behrle received a felony DUI in 2008. Once Ms. Behrle finished probation on April 30, 2010 and her felony was reduced to a misdemeanor.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the licensure application for licensure as a speech-language pathologist in the State of Indiana.

FLAHIVE/WONG

Motion carried 5-0-0

VIII. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Postive Response Review

- i. Marco A. Gonzalez, License #29001257A

The Board reviewed the renewal application of Mr. Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez answered “yes” on his renewal application to the following question:

“Since you last renewed, have you been convicted of or pled guilty to a violation of a federal or state law or are criminal charges pending?”

The Board reviewed the documentation submitted by Mr. Gonzalez and discussed the issue.

A motion was made and seconded to renew Mr. Gonzalez’s SLP support personnel registration.

FLAHIVE/HEMEYER
Motion carried 5-0-0

B. Supervision of Support Personnel

The Board discussed the SLP support personnel requirements and determined the need to review the current rules for possible revisions.

C. Board Elections

A motion was made and seconded to elect Andrea Gray as Chair and Pat Wong as Vice Chair of the Board.

HEMEYER/FLAHIVE
Motion carried 5-0-0

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

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