



AUDIOLOGY PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina

October 10, 2013

1380 Harbor Island Drive

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Room: MARINA 5

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Committee Members Present

Alison Grimes, Chair, Audiologist

Marcia Raggio, Audiologist

Rodney Diaz, Otolaryngologist

Amnon Shalev, Hearing Aid Dispenser

Staff Present

Annemarie Del Mugnaio, Executive Officer

Clair Yazigi, Outgoing Legal Counsel

Sabina Knight, Incoming Legal Counsel

Breanne Humphreys, Program Manager

Board Members Present

Deane Manning, Hearing Aid Dispenser

Carol Murphy, Speech-Language Pathologist

Patti Solomon Rice, Speech-Language Pathologist

Guests Present

None

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Grimes called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

II. Introductions

No introductions.

III. Approval of the June 12 Audiology Practice Committee Meeting Minutes

M/S/C Shalev/Raggio

Minutes are approved.

IV. Develop Proposed Regulatory Amendments for Audiology Aide Supervision Standards and Practice Limitations (16CCR 1399.154 – 1399.154.4)

Ms. Del Mugnaio gave a brief history of the documents contained in the Board packet. It was worked on by Ms. Raggio, Ms. Grimes and Ms. Bingea. She compared this document to what we currently have in regulations and then created the proposed regulations.

The major changes for the committee to consider are two new additions of 1399.154.1 Supervision of Audiology Aide and 1399.154.8 Activities, Duties, and Functions Outside the Scope of Responsibility of an Audiology Aide.

Ms. Del Mugnaio explained that an audiology aide can do anything that an audiologist can do as long as there is direct supervision. Currently the audiology aide has no scope of practice.

Ms. Grimes agreed that we should focus on the prohibited tasks and not what is allowable for an aide; this would be clearer for the supervisor and the aide.

The new 1399.154.8 Activities, Duties, and Functions Outside the Scope of Responsibility of an Audiology Aide will read as:

An audiology aide may not perform any of the following functions:

1. Provide counseling or advice to a client or a client's parent or guardian which is beyond the scope of the client's treatment;
2. Sign any documents in lieu of the supervising audiologist i.e.. treatment plans, client reimbursement forms, or formal reports;
3. Discharge clients from services;
4. Make referrals for additional services;
5. Unless required by law, disclose confidential information either orally or in writing to anyone not designated by the supervising audiologist;
6. Represent himself or herself as an audiologist;
7. Fit or sell a hearing aid without possessing a valid hearing aid dispensers license;
8. Independently adjust hearing aids or cochlear implant settings; and,
9. Perform procedures that require a high level of clinical acumen and technical skill;
10. Conduct evaluations;
11. Interpret data;
12. Alter treatment plans;
13. Perform any allowable task without the express knowledge and approval of a supervising audiologist.

Ms. Raggio offered that item 9 opens itself up for interpretation and may need examples. Ms. Raggio and Ms. Grimes are to come up with the examples tonight and recommend to the full Board tomorrow.

Chairperson Grimes adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.