



**HEARING AID DISPENSERS MEETING MINUTES**

**Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina**

**October 10, 2013**

1380 Harbor Island Drive

San Diego, CA 92101

Room: MARINA 5

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**Committee Members Present**

Deane Manning, Chair, Hearing Aid Dispenser  
Alison Grimes, Dispensing Audiologist  
Rodney Diaz, Otolaryngologist  
Amnon Shalev, Hearing Aid Dispenser

**Staff Present**

Annemarie Del Mugnaio, Executive Officer  
Claire Yazigi, Legal Counsel (Outgoing)  
Sabina Knight, Legal Counsel (Incoming)  
Breanne Humphreys, Program Manager

**Committee Members Absent**

Marcia Raggio, Dispensing Audiologist  
Jamie Lee, Public Member

**Board Members Present**

Patti Solomon-Rice, Speech-Language Pathologist  
Dee Parker, Speech-Language Pathologist  
Monty Martin, Public Member

**Guests Present**

None

**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Manning called the meeting to order at 1:53 p.m.

**II. Introductions**

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

**III. Approval of the June 12, 2013 Hearing Aid Dispensers Committee Meeting Minutes**

**M/S/C Grimes/Diaz**

**Minutes approved as written.**

#### **IV. Development of Proposed Practice Guidelines for Hearing Aid Dispensing**

Ms. Del Mugnaio explained the reason behind the need for this document. The Practice Guidelines is a reference document for Board staff and Subject Matter Experts (SME) to use when there is any uncertainty when rendering an opinion in our enforcement cases. She stated that it is not intended to serve as a scope of practice document but should reflect the current practice for standard of care. The scope of practice is covered in the written and practical exams and in regulations. She also reminded the committee that this document is to be the blueprint for the supervisory manual which needs to be created.

Ms. Del Mugnaio created the Practice Guideline draft document from both the written and practical exam content outlines that are given to the candidates. Committee members had previously submitted comments on the draft document and those comments were reviewed. She explained that one area that renders differing opinions from SME's is in the fitting verification measurements. (Speech Mapping, Real Ear Measurement, self-report,etc). Ms. Grimes suggested that being specific on the available verification tools would age the document. She suggested to simply state that an evidence based tool must be used.

Ms. Yazigi stated this document should not be creating anything new; it should reflect back to our statutes and regulations. It should be a flow chart or cheat sheet for obligations that already exist for our applicants and licensees. She also stated it should not replace human judgment.

There was discussion on having the document with two columns. Column A would be what must be done by law and Column B would list examples on how the practitioner can accomplish that task. The Committee directed Ms. Del Mugnaio to reformat the document. She will work with Mr. Manning and bring it back to the committee for review.

#### **V. Consider Proposed Amendments to Continuing Education (CE) for Hearing Aid Dispensers (16 CCR 1399.140-1399.144)**

Ms. Del Mugnaio made the Committee's recommended changes from the June Committee meeting and reviewed other changes she made to the proposed amendments to continuing education. The Committee agreed to those changes.

- 1399.140(c) – included statement regarding records provided to the Board in response to an audit.
- 1399.140(d) – Changed verbiage to more accurately reflect verification of CE compliance.
- 1399.140.0 – Added subsection (b) regarding courses that are deemed outside the acceptable scope of CE course content. The language was previously under section 1399.141(a)(1)
- 1399.141(a)(1) Changed the language regarding the advanced level of knowledge of CE courses.

**M/S/C Grimes/Diaz**

**The Committee will recommend that the Board adopt the proposed regulations as drafted and notice the proposed change for a 45 day public comment period and delegate to the Executive Officer the authority to adopt the proposed regulatory changes as modified if there are no adverse comments received during the public comment period and further delegate the authority of the Executive Officer to make any technical and non-substantive changes that may be required in completing the rulemaking file.**

Chairperson Manning adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.