



Speech-Language Pathology Meeting Minutes San Diego, CA

Thursday, November 6, 2014

I. Call to Order

Patti Solomon-Rice called the Speech-Language Pathology Practice Committee meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. Ms. Solomon-Rice called roll; three members of the Committee were present and thus a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present

Patti Solomon-Rice, Chair, Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP)
Dee Parker, SLP
Debbie Snow, Public Member

Staff Present

Paul Sanchez, Executive Officer
Gary Duke, Acting Legal Counsel
Anita Joseph, Enforcement Coordinator
Karen Robison, Enforcement Analyst
Tim Yang, Licensing Analyst

Guests Present

Vanessa Cajina, KP Public Affairs for Hearing Healthcare Providers (HHP)
Alison Grimes, PhD, Dispensing Audiologist (DAU), Board Member
Jaime Lee, Public Board Member
Deane Manning, Hearing Aid Dispenser (HAD), Board Member
Bob McKinney, California Speech Language Hearing Association (CASHA)
Cynthia Peffers, Hearing Aid Dispenser, HHP
Marcia Raggio, PhD, DAU
Amnon Shalev, HAD, Board Member

II. Introductions

Paul Sanchez introduced new Board staff Anita Joseph, Enforcement Coordinator, and Karen Robison, Enforcement Analyst, and announced that Tim Yang will be replacing Debbie Crawford upon her retirement.

III. Approval of the August 20, 2014 Speech-Language Pathology Practice Committee Meeting Minutes

M/S/C

- **Approve the August 20, 2014 Speech-Language Pathology Practice Committee Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion carried 3-0**

IV. Update on the October 10, 2014 California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Meeting held in Sacramento, CA.

Ms. Parker updated the committee on the revisions the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) discussed to the variable term waiver (VTW) criteria which would take effect January 1, 2015. Ms. Solomon-Rice spoke of the changes to the VTW language and Ms. Parker informed the committee work on the VTW issue was handled quickly. Paul Sanchez noted the Board should partner with the associations and lobby the legislature to increase the amount of programs available. Ms. Parker will monitor the CTC agenda for the VTW topic to be discussed in the future.

V. Discussion on How to Audit the Supervision of Speech-Language Pathology Assistants

Ms. Solomon-Rice explained the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) scope of practice and the requirements of the Supervising SLP. Mr. Sanchez indicated there are between 300 and 400 in the profession who would need to be audited. Ms. Solomon-Rice noted the development of an audit process would put additional strain on a Board that does not have the resources to handle the workload. Ms. Parker and Ms. Snow will work on developing an audit process between now and the February 2015 meeting.

VI. Update on Licensing Delays and Process Changes

Mr. Sanchez acknowledged there is a delay in license processing and is looking at the overall application process to determine where improvements can be made. Ms. Parker noted students are not aware of the Required Professional Experience (RPE) requirement, which is one cause of delays in application processing; therefore, students need to be informed of this application requirement.

VII. Discussion and Possible Recommendation for an Increase in the Number of Self-Study Hours for Continuing Education (CE)

A. ASHA's Letter and Documents to the Board about Self-Study

Discussion by the SLP committee ensued regarding increasing the number of self-study CE hours allowed per renewal cycle. Issues that were raised in the discussion about increasing the self-study hours were employers not reimbursing the cost of attending a seminar, finding a substitute teacher to cover classes, and would increasing self-study hours be beneficial to the consumer.

M/S/C Solomon-Rice/Parker

- **Refer to the Board raising the self-study CE hours allowed from six (6) hours to twelve (12) hours per renewal cycle; redefine the definition of self-study; and require CE providers to offer rigorous self-study courses. The motion carried 2-1**

VIII. Foreign Educated Speech-Language Pathology Licensure Applicants

A. Update on Revisions to Regulations

Ms. Solomon-Rice provided an overview of the Committees position on the educational equivalency of foreign applicants meeting the minimum qualifications (MQ's) for licensure. Senate Bill (SB) 1466 addresses some educational issues however; it does not address English competency.

The SLP Committee meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.