



AUDIOLOGY PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2016

Board Room

2005 Evergreen Street

Sacramento, CA 95815

For the sake of clarity, the meeting minutes are organized in numerical order to reflect their original order on the agenda; however, issues were taken out of order during the meeting.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

Alison Grimes, Committee Chair, called the Audiology Committee meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Ms. Grimes called roll; three members of the Committee were present and thus a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present

Alison Grimes, Committee Chair

Dee Parker, Committee Member

Marcia Raggio, Committee Member

Staff Present

Paul Sanchez, Executive Officer

Bryce Penney, DCA Web Cast

Breanne Humphreys, Program Manager

Anita Joseph, Enforcement Coordinator

Kelsey Pruden, Legal Counsel

Karen Robison, Enforcement Analyst

Marti Shaffer, Enforcement Analyst

Guests Present

Becky Bingea, California Academy of Audiology (CAA)

Bob Hanyack, University of the Pacific

Tara Welch, DCA Legal

Amy White, CAA

2. Committee Appointment

- Ms. Grimes, Committee Chair, appointed Dee Parker as a Committee Member.

3. Review and Approval of November 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes

- The committee can accept the November meeting minutes but cannot approve due to the change in members of the committee.

M/S/C Raggio/Parker

- **The committee voted to accept the November meeting minutes as written with minor edits. The motion carried 3-0**

4. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

Amy White requested that the committee include a discussion of manufacturers locking hearing aids from being serviced by dispenser companies other than the original dispenser manufacturer on the next agenda. Ms. Grimes believes that this should be an item for the full board agenda in order to include more input.

5. Update on Discussion with California Children's Services (CCS) Program Regarding the Lack of Access to Audiology Services

- Reporting Requirements for Cochlear Implant Centers
 - i. Ms. Grimes reported that there was a teleconference meeting with CCS on March 29, 2016, with the acting CCS chief. CCS is going through a staff change and some of the issues discussed were deferred until the new chief is appointed. Ms. Grimes state that there continues to be a concern that children insured under CCS receive a different level of care of consumer protection and access to services, compared to services received by children insured under private insurance plans. Since the meeting, CCS has come out with new provider standards. The most important change in these new standards is the reporting requirement to provide information on children who receive cochlear implants that are insured under CCS. In the past 4-6 weeks, CCS came out with a mandate that this report be submitted by June 1, 2016, needed to be retroactive to January 2015 and should report all children, covered under CCS, who were implanted with cochlear implants. There are two letters that were made available, expressing concerns about what was being requested and the short deadline to respond. Ms. Grimes expressed concerns about providing information that CCS should already have since CCS approves the surgeries as well as the deadline requirement.

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation to Clarify Audiology Licensing Requirements

- In reviewing the language pertaining to Audiology training programs relative to supervised clinical experience (SCE) and required professional experience (RPE). It was noted that there is some confusion as to the required number of hours, formerly known as clock hours. The number of hours required for Audiologists are distinct from SLP as to when these hours are obtained and how it relates to the "fourth year", or the final RPE period. Ms. Raggio reported that the American Academy of Audiology meeting in Phoenix, there was much talk about changing the fourth year to a "residency model". Ms. Raggio has reached out to get more information on this subject but does not have any further information at this time. Robert Hanyak, Department Chair, Department of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, University of the Pacific, discussed further the residency model. He also advised that this was going to be a topic of discussion at the October AuD Education Summit held by ASHA
 - i. Mr. Sanchez recommended that for establishing the number of clock hours for supervised clinical experience, a subcommittee be formed to gather data and analyze the numbers for a future agenda item. Ms. Grimes

delegated herself and Ms. Raggio to make up the subcommittee and report back to the committee.

The Audiology practice committee meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.