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MICHIGAN BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2013 APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Audiology met in regular session on December 20, 2013, at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas O'Connor, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Thomas O'Connor, Chairperson
Melissa Lewis, Public Member
Nicole Ferguson, Au.D
Paul Hoff, M.D.
Paul Kileny, Ph.D

Members Absent:

Sharon Blackburn, Au.D
Peggy Frank, Professional Member
Diantha Hicks, Public Member
Srinivas Mukkamala, M.D.

Staff Present:

Shellayne Grimes, Secretary, Policy, Rules and Board Support
Norene Lind, Manager, Policy, Rules and Board Support
Elaine Barr, Policy Analyst, Policy, Rules and Board Support

Others Present:

None

INTRODUCTION

O'Connor welcomed new Board member Nicole Ferguson, Au.D and asked her to introduce herself to the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Hoff, seconded by Kileny, to approve the March 15, 2013 minutes, as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Ferguson, seconded by Lewis, to approve the agenda with the following addition:

Item 7A, add "Chairperson's Report" under "New Business," and move all other items down.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson's Report

O'Connor stated that he attended the National Council of State Board Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology held in San Antonio, Texas on October 11-12, 2013.

The hot topic was "Telemedicine" (under various different names, depending on the profession.) The American Telemedicine Association defines it as "The use of medical information exchanged from one site to another via electronic communications to

improve a patient's clinical health status." Annual expenditure for this profit driven activity is expected to reach \$27.3 billion in 2016. O'Connor commented on some of the ongoing issues with telemedicine.

O'Connor summarized additional topics that were discussed at the meeting such as continuing education, the Praxis examination and online hearing aid sales.

Ferguson explained her telehealth project to the Board.

Elections

Lind opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

MOTION by Kilney, seconded by Hoff, to nominate O'Connor for Chairperson. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed.

A voice vote was held and O'Connor was elected as Chairperson.

O'Connor opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

MOTION by Hoff, seconded by Ferguson, to nominate Kileny for Vice-Chairperson. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed.

A voice vote was held and Kileny was elected as Vice-Chairperson.

Resolution

The Board recognized former board member Lari P. Korpela for his outstanding service to the Board.

MOTION by Kileny, seconded by Hoff, to accept the Resolution for Korpela.

MOTION PREVAILED

Committee Assignment

O'Connor appointed Ferguson to the Disciplinary Subcommittee.

Department Update

Lind informed that the Michigan Public Health Code is being reviewed by a committee appointed by the Michigan Department of Community Health, and chaired by Lawrence Burns, a Grand Rapids attorney, to determine what revisions are needed. The committee will provide its recommendations to the DCH by late January, 2014. Additionally, Lind reported that she provided a list of all board members' names and email addresses to the

Department of Community Health (DCH), so that they would be added to the DCH distribution list for the revisions to the Public Health Code.

Lind provided the Board with a brief overview of the Health Professional Recovery Committee (HPRC) program. Lind noted a Memo in board members files' regarding the need for a professional representative from the profession of Audiology to sit on the HPRC. Anyone interested should submit their curriculum vitae and a letter of interest to Susan M. Bushong, Contract Administrator, HPRC, Bureau of Health Care Services, 611 W. Ottawa St., 1st Floor, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Board Member Orientation

Lind announced that there will be a new Board member orientation following today's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

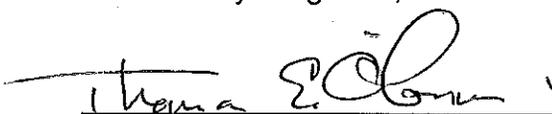
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

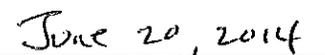
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on March 21, 2014 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

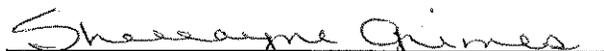
MOTION by Ferguson, seconded by Hoff, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.



Thomas O'Connor, Chairperson



Date minutes approved



Shellayne Grimes, Board Secretary



Date minutes prepared