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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., 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

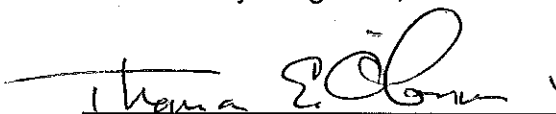
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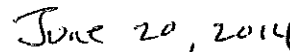
### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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