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MICHIGAN BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AUGUST 14, 2012 MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Speech-Language Pathology met in regular session on August 14, 2012, at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Tim Weise, CCC-SLP, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Tim Weise, CCC-SLP, Chairperson
Brit Austin, MA, CCC-SLP (left at 11:10)
Mary Callaghan Lynch, Public Member
Amanda M. Carlson, MS, CCC-SLP
Erica Dwyer, MA, CCC-SLP
Nicola Hawatmeh, JD, Public Member (arrived at 10:10 a.m.)
Jeanette Meyer, MD
Lizbeth Stevens, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
Bradford Swartz, PhD., CCC-SLP

Members Absent: Thomas Koepke, PhD

Staff Present: Amy Schneider, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Norene Lind, Board Manager, Health Regulatory Division
Desmond Mitchell, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division

Public Present: Georgianna Bataleeco, HCR-Manor Care

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Weise welcomed the Board members and asked staff and Board members to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Swartz, seconded by Stevens, to approve the minutes of May 8, 2012 as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Swartz, seconded by Stevens, to accept the agenda with the following changes; under New Business, remove subtitle A.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

MOTION by Stevens, seconded by Swartz, to honor the following departing Board Member with a Resolution: Vasu Divi, MD.

MOTION PREVAILED

Licensing Statistics

Weise directed the Board to the handout pertaining to Licensing Statistics with the total amount of 329 licensees as of August 1, 2012.

Discussion amongst Board members and Department staff was held regarding the difficulties graduates may be having finding a fully licensed Speech-Language Pathologist under which to obtain their required number of supervised practice hours.

Board members discussed the relatively low level of current licensees (329) compared to the number of licensees they believe more accurately reflects the total number of practitioners in Michigan (approximately 4,000). Speculation as to why many people are waiting to seek licensure was discussed. The importance of communicating through the Department's website, as well as through the state association, was stressed. Practitioners should realize that the law and rules require them to be licensed as of December 7, 2013.

Department Update

Lind distributed an updated version of the "Standards of Conduct," so that Board members may review it and place it in Chapter 1 of their Board Member Handbooks.

Mitchell reported on the status of the (ORR) Occupational Licensing Advisory Rules Committee report and recommendations. He reported no further information at this time regarding deregulation or (CE) Continuing Education. Bills have not yet been introduced to further the recommendations contained in the report.

NCSB-National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Weise discussed the (NCSB) National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology meeting scheduled October 11-13, 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 13, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center (UL), Conference Room 2, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

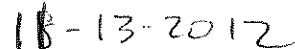
MOTION by Hawatmeh, seconded by Stevens, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 p.m.



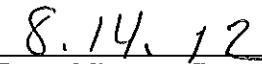
Timothy Weise, CCC-SLP, Chairperson



Amy Schneider, Board Secretary



Date Minutes Approved



Date Minutes Prepared