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**MICHIGAN BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES OF
MARCH 16, 2012
APPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Audiology met in regular session on March 16, 2012, at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 3, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Thomas O'Connor, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Thomas O'Connor, Chairperson
Steven Kauffman, Public Member
Joe Kollaritsch, Public Member
Srinivas Mukkamala, M.D.
Virginia Schroeder
Paul Kileny, Ph.D.

Members Absent: Michael Seidman, M.D.
Peggy Frank
Joe Kollaritsch, Public Member
Lari Korpela

Staff Present: Kristen Kinney, Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Bureau of Health Professions
Kelly Hugh, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mukkamala, seconded by Schroeder, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2011 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Mukkamala, seconded by Schroeder, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Newspaper Advertisement Update

Hugh introduced herself and explained that a file was opened and an investigation was authorized stemming from the advertisements that were shared at the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

United Health Care Hearing Aid Benefit

O'Connor made the Board aware of United Health Care's new policy regarding a hearing aid benefit that allows customers to obtain hearing aids without first being evaluated by a hearing professional. He believes that the Board should be aware of the change, but he understands that the Board does not have the authority to address the subject. O'Connor reminded members that one must be a licensed dealer in order to legally dispense hearing aids.

Kileny advised that United Health will be hiring an audiologist; however, he is unclear of what that role would be within their company.

Ramsdell stated that in the situation of a person practicing audiology without a license, the matter should be brought to the attention of the prosecuting attorney's office. She advised that we only regulate what we have control over. Ramsdell held further discussion regarding a cease and desist letter that can be sent to someone who is practicing audiology but is not licensed. She also commented that the Board can look to see what is written as law and reminded the members that those are the standards the Department expects a person to practice by.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Ramsdell advised that the Department had no update.

O'Connor inquired about predetermined sanctions for those who had not completed required continuing education credits.

Ramsdell offered to bring samples to the next meeting for the Board to review.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

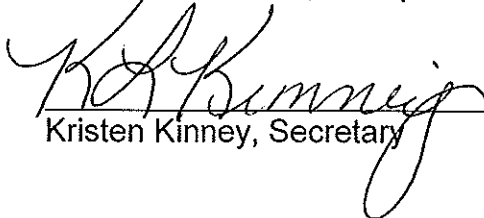
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on June 8, 2012 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 2, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mukkamala, seconded by Kauffman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m.



Thomas O'Connor, Chairperson



Kristen Kinney, Secretary

June 8 2012

Date minutes approved

March 22, 2012

Date minutes prepared