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MICHIGAN BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

NOVEMBER 13, 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 November 13, 2012, at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 2, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Tim Weise, CCC-SLP, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Tim Weise, CCC-SLP, Chairperson
Mary Callaghan Lynch, Public Member
Amanda M. Carlson, MS, CCC-SLP
Erica Dwyer, MA, CCC-SLP
Jeanette Meyer, MD
Lizbeth Stevens, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
Bradford Swartz, PhD., CCC-SLP
Thomas Koepke, PhD, Public Member

Members Absent: Nicola Hawatmeh, JD, Public Member
Brit Austin, MA, CCC-SLP

Staff Present: Celia I. Lowe, 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
Amanda Carlson, HDVCH Spectrum Health

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Meyer, seconded by Stevens, to approve the minutes of August 14, 2012, as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Swartz, seconded by Dwyer, to accept the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson's Report

Weise welcomed Celia I. Lowe as the new Secretary assigned to the Board of Speech-Pathology.

Weise reported that the Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA) and its lobbyist are corresponding with the governor's office to discuss the deregulation issue. He will continue to inform the Board as he receives updates from the Association.

Weise speculated about the possibility of the Board of Audiology and the Board of Speech-Pathology Language merging as an alternative to deregulation. That model is present in many states.

The 2012 National Council of State Boards (NCSB) in Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology was held in October in West Virginia. Since the Board of Speech-Language Pathology did not have any attendees, Weise requested that NCSB send updates for distribution to the Board.

Weise thanked Meyer, Stevens, and Koepke, whose terms of office will end on December 31, 2012, for their committed service on the board.

Department Update

Lind informed the board that two current bureaus will be combined as the new Bureau of Health Care Services (BHCS), effective Tuesday, November 13, 2012. Lind will give the board updates as they occur.

Lind reported that there has not been any movement from the Legislature regarding the deregulation of Speech-Language Pathologists. As of October 2012, there were 87 applications pending for licensure and a total of 597 licenses in Michigan. The deadline for licensure is December 7, 2013.

Stevens asked what the Board could do to make sure public entities are informed and have a good understanding of Speech-Language Pathology licensing requirements and regulations. It was decided that Mitchell and Lind would send some type of correspondence to the Michigan Department of Education (MDOE), explaining in detail how to comply with the current licensure requirements. The goal is to have MDOE distribute the correspondence to public schools.

Lind gave a brief overview of the Regulatory Considerations hand-out and explained the DSC members' responsibilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 5, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center (UL), Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Koepke, seconded by Lynch, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m.



Timothy Weise, CCC-SLP, Chairperson



Celia I. Lowe, Board Secretary

2/5/2013

Date Minutes Approved

11/26/12

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