

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
MINUTES
September 13, 2011**

The Board Meeting of the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive Frankfort, Kentucky on August 9, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anne Olson, Chair, Audiologist
Deanna L. Frazier, Audiologist
Jan J. Weisberg, Otolaryngologist
Richard Dressler, SLP
Heather Johnson, SLP
Robin L. Harris, SLP
George Purvis, Audiologist
Bettyruth Bruington, Citizen-at-Large

GUEST

Paul Baker Jr.

BOARD ATTORNEY

Michael West

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF

Marcia Egbert, Board Administrator
Jeremy Horton, Deputy Executive Director

Call to Order

Chair Anne Olson called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

Minutes

A motion was made by Richard Dressler to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Heather Johnson. Motion carried.

Board Monthly Financial Report

The Financial Report for July 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011 was presented to the Board for review and discussion. No further action taken.

Licensure Status Report

The Licensure Status Report was reviewed. No further action taken.

Director's Report

KECC Donation – Marcia Egbert invited the Board members to participate in the Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign which is open to all employees, Board Members, etc. She stated that it is completely voluntary but is definitely a great cause.

Ethics Training – The Ethics Training has been scheduled for October 11, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Budget – Mr. Horton explained that the memo the Board Members received from Executive Director Shannon Tivitt was written to establish the base year groundwork for the next two years. He asked that if the Board foresees any changes within the next two

years such as fee increases, new services, less services, fluctuation in licensee's, etc. to please let Ms. Tivitt or himself know so that the budget can be adjusted accordingly. The Board didn't feel that there would be any changes in the next two years.

Chair Anne Olson asked that we move Mr. Paul Baker to before the Attorney Report so that he wouldn't have to sit through the whole meeting. Mr. Baker had requested by phone to be placed on the agenda to explain the situation with his renewal, the confusion on 5.0 hours of CEU's he was to submit and the subsequent termination of his license.

Mr. Baker failed to submit 5.0 hours of CEU's that were due by 6/8/2011 from his reinstatement of his license on 6/8/2010. This resulted in a cease and desist letter being sent to him on 6/8/2011. Upon receipt of the cease and desist letter, Mr. Baker contacted the Board Office asking what he could do to get his license reinstated. He was told that he could come before the Board and explain why he was unable to submit the 5.0 hours of required CEU's by the due date of 6/8/2011.

Mr. Baker extended an apology to the Board and stated that he misunderstood that the CEU's had to be in by 6/8/2011. He thought he was to submit them with his renewal in January of 2012. He also stated that he had been in and out of the hospital with pneumonia over the past year. He presented the Board with the 5.0 hours of CEU's that were required and asked the Board to please reinstate his license.

Richard Dressler moved to go into closed session. George Purvis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Dressler moved that the Board come out of closed session. Robin Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Dressler moved that we reinstate Mr. Baker's license and have him submit the 5.0 hours of CEU's that he failed to submit by 6/8/2011 and the 30 hours of required CEU's for renewal at his January, 2012 renewal and that he be audited and provide proof of attendance to all the CEU's he attended. Robin Harris seconded the motion. The motion carried. Marcia Egbert will reinstate Mr. Baker's license retroactively. Heather Johnson filled out a Disclosure of Conflict of Interest Statement and did not participate in this discussion.

Attorney's Report

No Report.

Complaint Committee Report

George Purvis reported on behalf of the Complaint Committee:

- 11-003 – The Compliant Committee recommends approval of the agreed order of settlement on Amanda Button.

- 11-005 – Felicia Wells has signed a cease and desist order which will be maintained in her file should the Board need to enforce the order in Circuit Court or if she requests licensure in the future.

Jan Weisberg made a motion to accept the Complaint Committee recommendations. Diana Frazier seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business

Forms: Marcia Egbert reported to Jeff Boler that the renewal applications online are the most current version with modifications to dates and reference and request that the online renewal form dates are changed to reflect the new year (All Continuing Education must be earned by January 31, 2012) and to reference the regulation of 201 KAR 17:090 Section 6 on the form. No further action required.

Sample letter to be issued to Interim licensees following applications: Marcia Egbert presented the sample letter to interim licensees for review by the Board. The Board approved the letter and requested that it be issued to all new interim licensee applicants.

Position statement on Telepractice: George Purvis reported several interesting facts. In the National standpoint, it is mostly being talked about in the Code of Ethics. Several questions arose such as, “Where does the person need to be licensed; in the state of the client, in their own state or both?” Texas has made the most progress in Telepractice. Only one Board has written regulations. It was stated that due to time, we would not be able to write regulations during the regular Board meetings. George Purvis volunteered to jot down some things that can be discussed at the Fall Work Retreat. The Board needs to make a decision on whether we want to write regulations. They also need to look at the legal stand. Where does the Board stand if we don’t promulgate regulations? The statement was made that all the Board could do is to be as specific as possible as to what Telepractice is. It must include informed consent, responsibility to protect personal information, delivery of services by someone not in the state, etc. No decision was made. Tabled for discussion at the October meeting.

Work Session – Purpose and Topics: Anne Olson stated that we will need someone to facilitate the Work Session. She would prefer it be someone that is not on the Board so that the Board members can concentrate and supply input during the session. Jeremy Horton stated that he would find names of possible facilitators and the cost. The following list includes items to cover at the work session:

- Telepractice
- Communication with colleges and universities about what needs to be communicated with students in regard to applying for an interim license
- Orientation for new Members
- Regulations
- Handbooks

New Business

Citizen Advocacy Center 2011 Annual Meeting – October 20-21, 2011: Chair Anne Olson asked if anyone would like to go to this meeting. They provide a lot of important information. Heather Johnson said that she would try to go. George Purvis moved that Heather Johnson be approved to attend the meeting with all expenses paid and bring back information to the Board. Dianna Frazier seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Caseload and Reading Program E-Mail: The Board received an e-mail that asked that if speech therapists are told to direct a small reading group five hours per week at which time the SRA Reading Program, which is a scripted program provided to all students in the primary grades across the district, is implemented, how does provision of 5 hours of non-speech services during a five day week impact the speech-language therapist's caseload? Does it decrease the caseload? Discussion followed. Speech-Language Pathology Therapists should not be providing reading unless it is for the purpose of identification. The Board feels that the caseload would have to be adjusted. Michael West will respond to this e-mail. It was also discussed that the Board should create a Position Statement on this topic as the question comes up quite often. Marcia Egbert will add the creation of a Position Statement to the agenda for the work session this fall. (The SRA is the name of the reading group that the licensee used in the e-mail sent to the Board and which the Board interprets was an RTI.)

Council on Academic Accreditation Review: The Board received a letter from the Council on Academic Accreditation requesting the Board to review drafted edits to the implementation language for six of the Standards for Accreditation to ensure clarity in its expectations for compliance and documentation for each, as well as its expectations in the areas of curriculum and assessment. George Purvis reviewed the changes and felt there were no significant changes that would affect us. It looked to him to be a cleanup of the wording. If the Board decides that they need to respond to the changes, they have until October 1, 2011 to do so.

NCSB Proposed Bylaws Revisions: Anne Olson had sent the proposed revisions of the NCSB to the Board for review prior to the meeting today. After discussion the Board feels that nothing would be an issue for us. Anne Olson will vote for these changes when she attends the NCSB Conference. George Purvis told the Board that he was elected to the NCSB Board. Congratulations were issued to George.

Application Review Handout: Chair Anne Olson distributed a handout with a list of items ready and a list of items that need to be discussed and accomplished. She asked that the Board members review this handout and make any additions and bring them back to the October meeting. Since the renewal forms have already been updated, the remaining forms may be worked on over time.

Application Review

The Applications Review Committee met at 10:00 a.m. George Purvis made a motion, seconded by Richard Dressler, to approve recommendations made from today's committee meeting for the following applicants for licensure in the appropriate area. The

motion carried:

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERIM: *Keri Michelle Barlow, Jamie Bennett, Amanda L. Bowling, Shirah Kristin Callihan, Daniel Jacob Croake, Crystal M. Davis, Brittany K. Fillipps, Daniel Christopher Freeman, Gabrielle Leah Gardner, Veronica Lynn Gay, Jessica Kyleen Keller, Melinda Sue Mollett, Erin Montgomery, Erin E. Wesley*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY: *Jeni Marie Anderson, Ashley Braun, Tracy Lynne Durrett, Amy Michelle Gayheart, Lindsey Ruth Brown Gayheart, Clara Hartlaub, Julie Renee Helm, Michelle Martin, Lindsay Nicole McCorkle, Stephanie A. Mitchell, Beth Murphy, Ginger Oliver, Christina Renee Painter, Ashley Pence, Emily R. Roberts, Pamela Sue Robinson, Amber R. Roe, Brittany Yancy*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT INTERIM: *Audrey Elizabeth Embry, Rachel Gossett, Kara Beth Gothrup, Stefanie Pennington*

SPEECH- LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT: *Ashleigh Elizabeth Matney Durham, Kelly Ann Houchins*

AUDIOLOGY: *Jennifer Lynn Dively, Jennifer Howard, Catherine Miller*

CHANGE IN SUPERVISION AND/OR PPE: *Kristi Akers, Lisa Lynnet Collins, Courtney Haggard, Tanya Holbrook, Amelia Mardis, Amy McDonald, Amberly S. Pendley, Linda J. Dunham Schoolcraft, Anna Maelynne Spears, Lisa Lynn Spurlock*

EXTENSIONS – SLP – INTERIM: *G. Oya Topbas*

EXTENSIONS – SLP ASSISTANT – INTERIM: *Andrea Hatfield, Julie A. Nevitt*

REINSTATEMENTS: *Cindy Warren*

REINSTATEMENTS (with 12 month extension): *Tina Parsons*

REINSTATEMENTS DEFERRED (Letter of good standing): *Carla Heckman, Margaret Whittmer – Received 8/17/2011 – Reinstated her license effective 8/18/2011.*

APPLICATION FOR REACTIVATION AT RENEWAL - SLP: *Dena Marie Cooper*

APPLICATION FOR REACTIVATION AT RENEWAL – AUD (with 12 month extension): *Jinger Pruden*

CONTINUING EDUCATION: *Approval of all CEU's submitted. The approved number of hours will be posted on website. Teresa Lawson submitted her remaining CEU's to complete her 12 month extension.*

Travel and Per Diem

A motion was made by Richard Dressler and seconded by Dianna Frazier to approve payment of travel expenses and per diem compensation to eligible members in attendance at today's meeting. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The Board Meeting was adjourned by Chair Anne Olson at 3:30 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Egbert