

TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

DATE: February 5, 2014

TIME: 10:00 A.M., CST

LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Ground Floor, Poplar Room
665 Mainstream Dr
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynne Harmon, M.A., CCC-SLP, Chair, Speech Pathologist
Terri Flynn, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist
Mary Velvet Buehler, M.A., CCC-SLP/A, Audiologist
Julie A Crosby, CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist
Valerie Matlock, Ed.D, Audiologist, Audiologist
Kimberly Vinson, MD, Otolaryngologist

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Alex Munderloh, Assistant General Counsel
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Charles Custer, Board Administrator

Ms. Harmon, board chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes

Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buehler, to approve the November 5, 2013 minutes, amended by editing "Dr. Buehler" to "Ms. Buehler". The motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business

John Williams, representing TAASLP, spoke regarding updates to several pending legislative issues.

Mr. Williams advised that there has not been any legislation introduced at this point regarding splitting the Council for Hearing Instrument Specialists from the Board.

Mr. Williams also advised that have been 2 bills introduced to establish a licensure process for interpreters for the hearing impaired. This would create a new Board, not associated with the Board of CDS.

Mr. Williams also advised that there is also an old bill being reworked to essentially rewrite the Autism Equity Act.

OGC Report

There is one (1) open case in OGC and there are no cases that have been appealed to the Chancery Court. There are no consent orders or agreed orders to be presented.

The rules regarding tele-communication that were approved by the Board at a previous meeting are still awaiting approval at the Attorney General's office.

The rules regarding supervision of CFYs that were approved by the Board at a previous meeting are still awaiting approval at the Attorney General's office.

There is currently no legislation to report, as the General Assembly is not in session.

Investigative Report

There are four (4) open complaints against speech pathologists. There are two (2) open complaints against audiologists. There are no open complaints for Speech Language Pathology Assistants. There are also a few cases currently up for review.

Monitored Practitioners

Investigations are currently monitoring four (4) practitioners on probation, and one (1) Board Order.

Financial Report

Ms. Vanessa Crutcher advised the Board on the status of the financial statement for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013, including a complete line-by-line breakdown regarding expenses and revenue. Ms. Crutcher also advised the Board that shared expenses, such as rent and licensing database, is split among all the Health Related Boards, and the CDS portion is billed at 1.01% of the total cost.

Administrative Report

As of January 30, 2014, there are 373 licensed audiologists, 2259 licensed speech pathologists and 101 registered speech language pathology assistants. Between October 25, 2013 and January 30, 2014, 47 Audiologists have renewed their licenses. Out of the 47, 27 renewed online, giving a 57.4% renewal rate. For the same time period, 221 Speech Pathologists have renewed their licenses. Out of the 221, 132 renewed online giving a 59.7% renewal rate.

Newly Licensed

SPEECH

1	Adams	Barbara	5188
2	Anderson	Jennifer	5207
3	Anderson	Laura	5111
4	Barry	Jennifer	4898
5	Bell	Tamra	5189
6	Bills	Kathryn	4815
7	Bishop	Lindy	5030
8	Booker	Felicia	4590
	Bravo-		
9	Bussey	Delise	5063
10	Brown	Amanda	5203
11	Brown	Janet	5096
12	Carter	Carolyn	5205
13	Coleman	Nancy	5167
14	Conley	Jennifer	5208
15	Cottrell	Jessica	4907
16	Crotzer	Lauren	5114

17	Cutshall	Jenna	5217
18	Davis	Teresa	5168
19	Duvvuru	Sirisha	5191
20	East	Mary	4221
21	Edwards	Kelly	4823
22	Engbrecht	Felecia	4787
23	Fahner	Kathy	5198
24	Johnson	Sarah	4947
25	Jones	Kelly	4694
26	Kay	Jordan	4939
27	Keene	Hailey	4756
28	Kulik	Gregory	4869
29	Lemmo	Lisa	4904
30	Lloyd	Quincey	4925
31	McMichael	Pamela	5195
32	Perkins	Lydia	4896
33	Rittle	Camille	5190
34	Robinson	Micaela	5185
35	Rogers	Reagan	4794
36	Rueff	Mary	5201
37	Sams	Kimberly	5183
38	Thomas	Amanda	4953
39	Thomsen	Leisa	5200
40	Turpin	Erika	5196
41	Ward	Matthew	4872
42	Webb	Katherine	5202
43	Wilcoxson	Jessica	4775
44	Wray	Erin	5209
45	Yarbrough	Jessica	4936
46	Zimmerman	Brittini	4957

AUDIOLOGY

1	Buffington	Jeremi	1689
2	Gaines	Emily	1691
3	Johnson	Krisztina	1688

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT

1	Anderson	Peggy	421
2	Collins	Chassidy	425
3	Durrett	Moriah	419
4	Henry	Amber	424
5	Kelly	LaTasha	415
6	Marberry	Kayla	422

Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to approve the list of the new licensees. Motion carried.

Reinstatements

SPEECH:

1	Ball	Rachel	2604
2	Cheatham	Alisha	2667
3	Crawford	Lucy	1176
4	Daniel	David	1406
5	Davenport	Anna	786
6	Elliotte	Larrietta	3193
7	Hannifin	Sara	3951
8	James	Anne	2025
9	McFarland	LaChandra	3209
10	Moser	Elizabeth	716
11	Pouncey	Elizabeth	3363
12	Rowland	Amanda	2739
13	Schilling	Carol	781
14	Stokes	Melinda	3603
15	Westfelt	Ashli	2475

AUDIOLOGY:

1	Johnson	Aaron	1172
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Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn, to approve the list of reinstatements. The motion carried.

Agreed Citations

All of the Agreed Citations presented to the Board were for failure to obtain sufficient continuing education credit. All had made up the required hours and paid the appropriate civil penalty. These Agreed Citations are for the following licensees and/or registrants; listing their name, profession, license number, number of hours deficient, and civil penalty assessed:

1	Ava Adcock	SLP	544	2	\$100.00
2	Angela Gift	SLP	4245	20	\$100.00
3	Amy Howard	SLPA	335	10	\$100.00

Ms. Buehler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the Agreed Citations as presented to the Board. The motion carried.

File Review

The Board reviewed the application file for **Stephanie Jordan, SLP Applicant**. Ms. Jordan had submitted her application for full licensure, upon completing her CFY. However, it was discovered that Ms. Jordan was never registered with the Board for her CFY. Ms. Jordan was present, as was Steve

Camarata, from her research project at Vanderbilt University. During the discussion, information was presented that Ms. Jordan was not actively treating patients, just reviewing files. The research project ended in June 2013, and Ms. Jordan worked in other areas after the project ended. Additionally, Ms. Jordan did achieve her ASHA certification. After hearing all discussion, Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the application for Ms. Jordan. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the application file for **Candace Gossett, SLPA Applicant**. Ms. Gossett's application did not meet the requirement of the education set forth by the Board. Ms. Gossett appeared, as did a colleague, Christy Rassel, to further explain the issue. Ms. Gossett was basing her application submission from the outdated instructions included within the application. These instructions stated that, in lieu of a transcript, that an applicant could submit a letter of recommendation from her supervisor. Ms. Gossett had submitted letters of recommendation on character, experience and training. After hearing discussion from all parties, Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby, to approve the SLPA application. Further discussion was held. Motion was denied, with Ms. Crosby being the only aye vote.

Review Continuing Education

The Board reviewed the continuing education submitted by **Johnna Johnson**. Ms. Johnson had submitted her CE certificates due to being requested during the random CE audit period. Ms. Johnson submitted several items for credit that typically are not permitted by the Board, as per the rules, and was marked as non-compliant. Ms. Johnson submitted a letter requesting an appeal and review from the Board on the hours she submitted. After reviewing the CE documents in question, three (3) separate votes were held, voting on each item in question:

Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby, to deny the CE certificate regarding Medicare Billing Codes. The motion carried.

Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to deny the CE certificate regarding CPR. The motion carried.

Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby, to deny the submitted document showing Employee Education Program Attendance Record. The motion carried.

Task Force Update

The task force did not meet to discuss allowing continuing education credit for preparation and presentation of CE. However, Mr. Munderloh did some research on his own by speaking with other advisory attorneys for other health related boards. Mr. Munderloh advised the Board that currently, approximately six (6) Health Related Boards do allow various methods of allowing CE credit, but all have some sort of cap on the amount of hours that can be claimed. Some boards allow credit for both preparation and presentation, and some only allow for presentation. Some allow an hour-for-hour credit, while some specifically state how many hours can be granted, regardless of the length of the course presented. It was mentioned that ASHA allows credit for presentation but not the preparation of the course. After discussion, the Board chose to continue to monitor this issue and discuss it at a later meeting.

Adjournment

With no other Board business to conduct, Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buehler, to adjourn at 11:33 p.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences on May 12, 2014