

TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

DATE: February 6, 2018

TIME: 10:00 A.M., CST

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Velvet Buehler, Audiologist, Chair
Julie A Crosby-Davis, Speech Pathologist
Debby Starr, Au.D, Audiologist
Carrie Crittendon, Au.D, Audiologist
Jean Brandon, Speech Pathologist
Richard Morton, Citizen Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kimberly Vinson, MD, Otolaryngologist

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Waters, Deputy General Counsel
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Latonya Shelton, Acting Board Administrator

Ms. Buehler called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. A roll call was held, and a quorum was present. Board staff introduced themselves.

Minutes

Upon review of the November 7, 2017 minutes Mr. Morton made a motion to approve with correction, and seconded by Ms. Davis, to approve. The motion carried.

Investigative Report

Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator, Office of Investigations, presented the investigative reports. There are currently four (4) open complaints and there are currently three (2) practitioners being monitored.

OGC Report

Mr. Waters presented the following OGC report:

Conflict of Interest Policy for Board Members

If you have a personal or financial interest in the outcome of any issue or matter before this

board which may suggest a bias on your part, you are asked to state that interest on the record so that a determination can be made as to whether there exists a need for recusal. You are reminded that it is the duty of this board to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee and that the administration of this solemn responsibility is dependent upon avoiding even the appearance of impropriety.

Disciplinary Activity

As of February 6, 2018, there are no open cases in the Office of General Counsel against CDS licensees. There are no orders or contested cases on the agenda to be presented to the Board today.

Rule Activity

Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists

CDS ratified the HIS rule changes at your last Board meeting on August 8, 2017. However, at its meeting last week the HIS Council approved some further changes to its reciprocity rule, 1370- 02-.04(3). I'll present those changes for your ratification at this meeting.

The CDS rule revisions are under internal review.

Legislation

There is no legislation regarding the Communication Disorders and Sciences Board currently pending.

Administrative Report

Ms. Shelton provided the administrative report. As of February 5, 2018, there are 430 licensed audiologists, 2760 licensed speech pathologists and 127 registered speech language pathology assistants. Between November 7, 2017 and February 2, 2018, there are a total of seven (7) new audiologists, one new audiology clinical extern, a total of 55 Audiologists have renewed their licenses, with 48, or 87%, of those renewing online. For the same time period, there were forty-one (41) new speech language pathologists, thirty-one (31) new clinical fellows, with a total of 246 Speech Pathologists having renewed their licenses, with 186, or 76%, of those renewing online. There were nine (9) new speech language pathology assistants registered, with total renewals of thirteen (13) of which four (4) renewed online for 31% renewals online.

Board meetings for 2018 are:

May 1, 2018
August 7, 2018
November 6, 2018

Newly Licensed/Registered

Ms. Crittendon made a motion to ratify the newly licensed Speech Pathologists, Speech Language Pathology Assistants and Audiologists, seconded by Mr. Morton, to approve the following newly licensed applicants. The motion carried.

Speech Pathology Newly Licensed

6344 Barnes, Carolyn
6265 Bell, Helen E
5966 Comans, Robbie H
2574 Douglas, Charla Jean
6325 Escandon, Kelly A Ms.
6058 Flores, Christy E.
6336 Glover, Barbara M
6329 Graber, Amber
6311 Guardo, Bianca M
6335 Henry, Jamie L
6327 Jones, Kathleen
6355 Krieger, Kim Marie
1357 Laifer, Barbara J.
6020 Marsh, Hannah Marie
5866 Martin, Natalie A
6366 Masie, Morgan W
6115 Miller, Skylar R
6330 Mygrant, Ashlee
5874 Painter, Courtney P
6056 Payne, Deborah Jeyakumari
6353 Phillippy, Michelle Theresa
5998 Reyes, Elizabeth A
5929 Rimini, Kendra R
6342 Rockwood, Hannah Lathrop
5838 Scott, Whitney D.
6373 Simpson, Monique Latress
5999 Smith, Mary Daniel
6021 Steele, Justine Judith
6337 Stipe, Katherine L
6045 Tackett, Thomas B
6315 Van Mersbergen, Miriam R
6320 Wagley, Holly Jane
6339 Watson, Amanda Spencer
6360 Weber, Deanna Miles
5088 Wilson, Azure C
5968 Young, Rachel B

Audiology Newly Licensed

1859 Bahamondes, Nicole M
1857 Barrington, Brittany Keahey
1862 Hoppenrath, Jacqueline E
1858 Lamb, Haylee B
1853 Lau, Marcy K
1860 Payne, Nicole Dr.
1731 Walden, Kristina Keller

SLPA Newly Licensed

555 Blakely, Shelynda Katherine
556 Dickerman, Jennifer
541 Fisher, Kaitlyn
450 Hannah, Mary C
551 Keller, Natalie Madeline
553 Mcdowell, Madison Ann
539 Shelton, Baylee
543 Sims, Chelsea
536 Thorne, Melanie

Reinstatements

Ms. Starr made a motion to ratify the reinstatements of Speech Pathologists, seconded by Ms. Crittendon, to approve the following newly reinstated applicants. The motion carried.

Speech Pathology Reinstatements

2612 Barnett, Kristin Elaine
4523 Parish, Elizabeth B
1319 Piercey, Shannon
1639 Tucker, Stephanie Marie
4717 Wilson, Whitney H.

Agreed Citations

The Board reviewed the following agreed citation. Ms. Wilkins advised that the practitioner was cited for continuing education violations, and had paid her assessed fine and made up the required hours.

CE HOURS VIOLATIONS

NAME	PROF	LIC #	HRS DEFICIENT	CIVIL PENALTY
Jessica Simpson	SLP	3556	10	\$100.00

Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Starr, to accept the citation for Ms. Simpson. The motion carried.

Discussion was held at the November 7, 2018 meeting concerning the issue of unregistered clinical externs and how to make the registration information more available about the need for registration. At this time, the Board has reviewed and discussed the letter explaining the registration process to be sent to the licensees of both professions. The letter will read as follows:

Dear Department Chair:

The Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences recently encountered what may be a misconception among universities regarding supervising undergraduate and/or graduate students who are treating patients in the university clinic for the purpose of completing clinical hours and their degree requirements. If your university has an active clinic where students are providing services to persons with communication disorders, those practitioners fall under the Department of Health, and thereby, under the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences. Therefore, any supervisor for those students must have a license for Speech Language Pathology or Audiology issued by the Board. The fact that the instructor/supervisor works for the university does not preclude them from current licensure requirements. Because the supervising Speech Language Pathologist or Audiologist will ultimately be held responsible and liable for the students, the supervising Speech Language Pathologist or Audiologist needs to hold a current and active Tennessee state license in their field. If you have an unlicensed Speech Language Pathologist or Audiologist currently providing supervision to these students, please suspend the supervision until that person has been issued their license, or a licensed practitioner takes their place. Please note that this requirement does not include those who only teach the course or conduct research, but instead, is intended for those who supervise and sign off on medical charts of patients who are being treated by the undergraduate and/or graduate students. If there are any questions regarding this, please contact the Board's Administrative office at 615 XXX-xxxx.

After reviewing the above letter, the Board agreed that this letter does not address the issue at hand regarding holding clinical supervisors accountable for a clinical extern working without benefit of registration. The Board recommended rewriting the letter and make reference to the rule and policy statement and add a link within the letter. Ms. Wilkins suggested to the Board that she will draft a new letter regarding audiology clinical externs and Ms. Wilkins also asked that Mr. Waters review her letter once it's completed. Once this letter is complete, licensees, and educational institutions will receive notification by mail and email.

Rules and Rule Amendments

Mr. Waters discussed the proposed revisions for HIS rule 1370-02-.04 regarding reciprocity. The rule will read as follows:

1370-02-.04 (3) Licensed Hearing Instrument Specialist by reciprocity:

(c) Holds a current unencumbered license from another state or country and must meet one of the following:

1. Out-of-State license issuance was based on passing a written and practical examination developed in accordance with IHS standards, with an overall passing score as determined by the IHS: or
2. Applicant holds a current certification by the National Board for Certification in Hearing Instruments Sciences (NBC-HIS)

(d) An Applicant must pass the Tennessee Jurisprudence Examination.

Ms. Starr made a motion to accept HIS proposed rule 1370-02-.04 (3) as revised and Ms. Davis seconded. A roll call vote was held and the vote passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no other Board business to conduct, Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crittendon, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences on May 1, 2018