

MINUTES
MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2005
BOARD OF EXAMINERS
FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

Present: Carol Clupny, Nancy Dunn, Ashley Northam, and Gloria Schnell
Brenda Felber, Executive Director, was also present.
Excused absence: Carolyn Dowd, Joyce Erickson, Harold (Hank) Kim

Call to Order

Chair Dunn called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Northam moved to approve meeting minutes of September 9, 2005. Schnell seconded.
All Board members were in favor.

Public Input

Chair Dunn welcomed the public attendees and announced that a time for public input will be included on every agenda. Five members from the public were present to speak to the Board.

Posting Meeting Minutes and Agendas on the Agency Website

Board members agreed that meeting minutes and meeting agendas should be posted on the Agency website. Felber will draft the minutes, poll the Board for a quorum of approval and post the minutes prior to the next meeting. Minutes will be formally approved in the following public meeting.

Board discussed the information and display on the website directory. Board agreed to remove licensee addresses and telephone numbers. Revisions will also be made to more clearly indicate when a public document exists for a licensee. Felber will request a check box for yes or no on every record.

Oregon Medical Assistance Program (OMAP) Request For Clarification of Scope of Practice

The policy unit of OMAP asked if codes 92552 through 92567 are within the Oregon speech-language pathology scope of practice.

Dunn agreed to contact the American Academy of Audiology for more information on this subject.

Draft Proposed Rules

Felber provided Board members with the current copy of Chapter 335 of the Oregon Administrative Rules. Board members reviewed the draft of changes for the next Notice of Proposed Rule Making. Changes are being proposed to for the following rules to read as follows:

335-001-0000 (4) Notice of Proposed Rule: Correct title to read Oregon Hearing Society.
Dunn also provided a current address for the Society.

335-005-0025 (11) Accurate Representation: Add “(d) 11a,b,c above does not apply if audiology licensees are the sole provider of hearing aids at a business location.”

335-070-0040 Procedures for Approval of Professional Development Offerings:

Add “If the request is made later than 30 days after the professional development offering takes place but prior to November 1st of each odd-numbered year, the requestor will pay the delinquent fee to have the request considered for approval. No late requests for the current licensing period will be considered between November 1st of odd-numbered years and January 30 of even-numbered years.”

335-070-0065 Dual Licensees: Outdated information in (1) will be deleted.

335-080-0005 Definitions: Language allowing a person with their certificate of clinical competence to supervise a conditional licensee will be removed to conform to statutory changes.

Board decided that the definition of “Direct Supervision” in 335-095-0010(4) was adequate as stated.

Besides those rules listed above, Dunn will be working to draft rules to incorporate the subject of hearing aid sales.

Clupny and Northam agreed to draft a revision to 335-095-0055(1) Permission for Supervisors of SLPAs in Schools and possibly 335-095-0030 Certification of Speech-Language Pathology Assistants.

Board discussed the timeline for providing notice of the rules and an effective date. Time will be devoted at the January 13th board meeting to finalize the proposed rules. The next possible date for publishing would be in the March 1st bulletin with a hearing in late March or early April. If an immediate change in rule 095-0055 is needed for permits for supervisors of speech assistants in schools, the Board will consider a temporary rule at the next meeting.

Parameters for Board decision regarding Criminal/Professional Discipline Affidavit

Board members agreed to form a subcommittee consisting of the Chair Dunn and Vice Chair Northam who will review “yes” responses on applications and determine when, if ever, the full Board needs to review the application. Office staff will begin to gather data on what questions have “yes” responses and how the applicant responded. Felber reported that this only occurs once or twice a year at most. Board members agreed to revisit this issue after some historical information is available.

Executive Session

The Board entered executive session to discuss complaints and disciplinary cases as specified in the ORS 192.660(2)(k).

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Friday, January 13th from 10:00-2:00 in room 445 of the Portland State Office Building.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.