

MINUTES
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2005
BOARD OF EXAMINERS
FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

Present: Carol Clupny, Carolyn Dowd, Nancy Dunn, Joyce Erickson, Harold (Hank) Kim, Ashley Northam, and Gloria Schnell
Brenda Felber, Executive Director, and Tim Anderson, Administrative Assistant, were also present.

Call to Order

Vice-chair Dunn called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and asked for introductions by board members and staff.

Proposed Rules: Decision on Adoption

Board members reviewed proposed rules. Northam questioned the requirements for the permit. She believes that a master's or masters equivalent was intended as one of the requirements. Felber stated that her understanding of the intent was for permit applicants to qualify with lesser qualifications than licensure requirements. Felber stated that she did receive a letter from the Oregon Speech and Hearing Association (OSHA) shortly after the meeting was held to discuss amendments to HB 2065. She was puzzled by the fact that OSHA endorsed maintaining the requirement of a master's or equivalent since a person with those qualifications would be eligible for licensure and not need a permit.

Board directed Felber to consult with Attorney Chute to see if the Board has statutory authority to write the higher education requirements in rule.

Attorney Chute advised against further revisions to OAR 070-0040 to allow for a late submission with a late fee without providing new notice as it has a financial impact on licensees.

Northam moved to adopt the proposed rules effective upon filing. Clupny seconded. All board members were in favor.

Other rules discussion:

The Board will consider revising 070-0040 to allow for a late submission with a late fee.

Dunn stated that she has a rule change for Division 5.

Clupny would like to review the language in Division 95, particularly the license requirements.

Felber will draft rule revisions necessitated by HB 2065 for discussion at the October meeting.

Board will consider publication of the notice to change rules in the November bulletin with a hearing in January.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Erickson moved to approve meeting minutes of May 1, 2005 and August 2, 2005, as written. Dowd seconded. All board members were in favor.

Occupational Therapy (OT) Scope of Practice Proposal

Board members reviewed the letter and copy of the scope of practice being proposed by the Oregon OT Board. Board members reacted that the statements were broad and questioned whether OT practitioners would be trained in the overlapping speech therapies. Kim expressed concern about the inclusion of C12, the inclusion of “management of feeding, eating, and swallowing to enable eating and feeding performance”, especially wound care management as one of the specific therapeutic procedures. Another Board concern was the inclusion of B4, “Performance skills, including motor, process, and communication/interaction skills.

Board directed Felber to draft a written reply to the OT Board inquiring about the education, experience, and training an OT would have as part of a recognized training program for degree candidates.

Board also directed Anderson to post this announcement on the Board website so that licensees will have the opportunity to comment and attend the public meetings.

Ratification of Licenses Issued for Period of May 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005

Clupny moved to ratify the licenses for the above-stated period. Schnell seconded. All Board members were in favor. See attached for listing.

Anderson explained that those license numbers beginning with a “1” designate a speech-language pathologist, “2” designates an audiologist, and “A” designates a speech-language pathology assistant. Licenses starting with a “3” designated a dually licensed speech-language pathologist/audiologist but there are only a few dual licensees now.

Speech-language pathologists applying for permits will have a permit with a number preceded by a “P”.

Executive Session

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

Case 05-04

Schnell made a motion to close case 05-04. Erickson seconded the motion. Clupny, Dowd, Dunn, Erickson, Kim, Northam, and Schnell were in favor.

Case 05-04 is closed.

Case 05-07

Erickson moved to close case 05-07. Schnell seconded. Clupny, Dowd, Dunn, Erickson, Kim, Northam, and Schnell were in favor.

Case 05-07 is closed.

Case 05-07

Dowd moved to ratify the issuance of the Voluntary Limitation Order for case 05-02.

Northam seconded. Clupny, Dowd, Dunn, Erickson, Kim, Northam, and Schnell were in favor.

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.

Clupny had spoken with Becker-Mehr from OMAP. Clupny recalled that these codes were for use by audiologists. The speech-language pathologist reported using these codes is not employed by the schools.

Board members wondered whether there were other codes for speech-language pathologists to use for pure tone audiometry and tympanograms.

Felber was directed to refer OMAP to the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) for clarification.

Policy for Spanish Classes as Approved Professional Development

Clupny asked for guidance on whether Spanish classes had been or should be approved for meeting Oregon professional development requirements. Felber shared that former board member Pearce-Hopper did not share any additional policy approval guidelines. Felber suggested that Anderson review past approvals in an attempt to organize the data so that some policy guidelines for approval could be developed.

Election of New Chair

The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Nancy Dunn to Chair of the Board. Northam agreed to serve as Vice-Chair of the Board.

Next Meeting Date

The next Board meeting is set for 10:00- 12:00, Friday, October 14th in Eugene at the OSHA conference. The next meeting will be Friday, January 13th from 10:00-2:00 in room 445 of the Portland State Office Building with a possible rules hearing from 10:00-11:00.

Adjourn

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