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Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 8, 2018
Portland State Office Building
Conference Room 445
Portland, Oregon

PRESENT:

Gail Swanstrom, Audiologist, Chair
Victoria Edwards, CCC-SLP, Vice Chair
Ellie McPeak, Public Member (via phone)
Dustin Ooley, Audiologist
Anna Sanger Reed, Public Member
Jean Verheyden, M.D.

Erin K. Haag, Executive Director
Tyler Anderson, AAG
George Finch, Investigator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Chair Swanstrom, after a roll call quorum was established. Edwards moved to approve the minutes of the February and May Board meetings. Seconded by Verheyden, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sharon Soliday, SLP, of the Hello Foundation expressed her support of the draft telepractice rules as a member of the Telepractice rulemaking advisory committee. She believed there was thoughtful participation by the committee members. Jenny Peddicord, also a member of the committee echoed support and said that she is working with a group connected to OSHA that will explore and share with practitioners best practices in the area of telepractice. There was discussion that the rules would require licensees to follow the same ethical and service mandates regardless as to whether the treatment or provided in person or through telepractice. For instance, if someone does not have the expertise to treat a stroke patient, they should not do so regardless of the modality.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Swanstrom called the Executive Session to order at 9:28 a.m. to consider information obtained as part of investigations of licensee or applicant conduct as provided in ORS 192.660(2)(k), consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection as provided in ORS 192.660(2)(f), and to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed as provided in ORS 192.660(2)(h).

The executive session ended at 12:50 p.m. and the Board returned to public session at 1:11 p.m. after a break.

MOTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

2018-09 – Verheyden moved to close with action. Sanger Reed Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2018-15 – Ooley moved to issue disciplinary action. Swanstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2018-05 – Verheyden moved to close with action. Swanstrom econded. The motion passed unanimously.

2016-56 - Sanger Reed moved to close with no action. McPeak seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2018-04 – Edwards moved to close with no action. Ooley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2018-72 – Verheyden moved to close with no action. Swanstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2017-55 – Ooley moved to close with no action. McPeak Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2018-07 – Swanstrom moved to close with no action. Ooley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2018-14 – Sanger Reed moved to close with no action. Edwards seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2018-06 – Verheyden moved to close with no action. Ooley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2017-86 – Sanger Reed moved to close with no action. Swanstrom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2018-01 – McPeak moved to close with no action. Sanger Reed seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2018-17 – Edwards moved to close with no action. Verheyden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2018-16 – Edwards moved to close with no action. Ooley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIR’S REPORT:

The Board expressed their appreciation for George Finch's contribution and there is consensus that his contract should be continued at market rates.

Chair Swanstrom acknowledged the last meeting of Board member Jean Verheyden, M.D. Sanger Reed expressed how much valuable expertise Verheyden brought to the Board, always concerned for what would put patients at risk. Other Board members echoed those comments and she was thanked for her service.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Board member recruitment: The Board has three open positions – ENT physician, public member, and speech-language pathologist. Haag will announce these in the newsletter, contact OSHA, and reach out to leads provided by board members and others.

2019-21 Budget: A summary of the preliminary agency request budget summary was provided. The budget will be sent to the board and then reviewed again in the fall when the agency submits the Governor's budget. Haag would like to increase the investigator position to full time. I. T. costs are expected to increase by a large percentage due to the need for a new database and the replacement of our long-term provider. Haag does not believe there is need for a fee increase to cover these expenses.

AAA Request for Accreditation – The question before the board is whether their AA accreditation is equivalent to ASHA's.

The Board invited public comments from Anne Hessler, Audiologist and Pacific University faculty member. She explained that most universities, including Pacific, will only accept programs that are accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. Unfortunately, AAA's are not yet accepted.

The issue was tabled.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.