



Hearing Aid Dispensers Practice Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2018
Sacramento, CA 95815

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

Amnon Shalev, Committee Chair, called the Hearing Aid Dispensers Practice Committee (Committee) meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Mr. Shalev called roll; four members of the Committee were present and thus a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present

Amnon Shalev, HAD, Committee Chair
Karen Chang, Committee Member
Rodney Diaz, MD, Committee Member
Marcia Raggio, AuD, Committee Member

Staff Present

Paul Sanchez, Executive Officer
Breanne Humphreys, Operations Manager
Carla Newman, Enforcement Coordinator
Kelsey Pruden, Legal Counsel
Karen Robison, Analyst
Cesar Victoria, DCA Web Cast

Guests Present

Vanessa Cajina, Healing Healthcare Providers (HHP)
Beverly Dunbar, Pasadena City College
Karen Chang, Board Member
Debbie Snow, Board Member
Patti Solomon-Rice, SLP, Board Member
Amy White, California Academy of Audiology (CAA)

2. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There were no comments from Public/Outside Agencies/Associations.

3. Discussion and Possible Recommendations to Full Board Regarding California Code of Regulations 1399.119 – Direct Supervision (Hearing Aid Dispenser Trainees)

The Committee discussed and received input from the audience regarding the level of supervision hearing aid dispenser trainees (HT) receive. The Committee was informed that the supervision of HT's is not as detailed in regulation as the supervision of Speech-Language Pathology Assistants (SLPA) is in

regulation. The Committee was advised that the current HT regulations were implemented in 1986. The Committee talked about the supervision of HT's from a consumer protection view and agrees that there needs to be better oversight. Concerns of the Committee are that fifty percent of candidates fail the practical examination, HT's hired to work independently at locations without a licensed HAD or DAU on site, and the requirements of an HT supervisor. The Committee recommends that HT's received 100% supervision during the taking of ear mold impressions, inspection of the ear, and performing an audiogram when the safety of a consumer can be at risk. Mr. Sanchez requested that the Committee review Business and Professions Codes 1399.116 through 1399.119 and give staff feedback on any language that the Committee would like to see updated.

M/S/C Diaz/Chang

- **Motion to direct staff and legal counsel to draft proposed regulations that incorporate the discussion from today changes that were discussed and bring them back to the Committee for approval and recommendation to the full Board. Motion carried 3-0**

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.