



Speech-Language Pathology Practice Committee
Meeting Minutes
Sacramento, CA 95815
February 8, 2018

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

Patti Solomon-Rice called the Speech-Language Pathology Practice Committee (Committee) meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Ms. Solomon-Rice called roll; three members of the Committee were present and thus a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present

Patti Solomon-Rice, Committee Chair
Dee Parker, Committee Member
Debbie Snow, 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)
Karen Chang, Board Member
Rodney Diaz, MD, Board Member
Beverley Dunbar, Pasadena City College, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Program
Melissa Jakobowitz, CCC-SLP, Coordinator of ASHA Special Interest Group 18, Telepractice
Amnon Shalev, HAD, Board Member
Amy White, California Academy of Audiology (CAA)

2. Approval of the May 11, 2017, August 1, 2017, August 28, 2017, and October 9, 2017 Committee Meeting Minutes

M/S/C Snow/Parker

- **Motion to approve the May 11, 2017, August 1, 2017, August 28, 2017, and October 9, 2017 Committee Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried 3-0**

3. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

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

4. Presentation by Melissa Jakubowitz, M.A., CCC-SLP, Coordinator of ASHA Special Interest Group 18 (SIG 18), Telepractice, About Speech-Language Pathology Telepractice Issues That Could Have Regulatory Implications

Ms. Solomon-Rice introduced Ms. Jakubowitz who spoke to the Board about SLP telepractice services. Ms. Jakubowski informed the Board that the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) defines telepractice and the definition is used nationwide. Many companies use telepractice as a mode of providing speech services with the majority of services being performed by telepractice being provided in schools. The level of services provided by telepractice must be equivalent to services that are provided in person and paperwork must be completed just as it is when sessions are performed in person. Clients are being served by telepractice in individual, group, and school settings. Barriers to telepractice can be slow internet speeds, third party reimbursement issues, holding a license in all states where services are being provided, keeping abreast of the laws in all the states a license is held, and the ability to obtain equipment or compatibility of equipment used to provide services. She informed the Board that a licensing compact is being worked on to ease the burden of obtaining licenses in other states.

Mr. Sanchez asked Ms. Jakubowitz if there are regulatory barriers to telepractice in California to which she said she did not know of any at this time. Ms. Jakubowitz provided information on telepractice in other states where she informed the Board that some states require an in-person visit prior to beginning telepractice services, a few states do not allow telepractice at all, Louisiana has a telepractice only license, and some states require continuing education (CE). Ms. Jakubowitz informed the Board that telepractice is a feasible way to serve clients; however, experience in the field should be required prior to providing services because the setting must be understood before working remotely.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.