



**MEETING MINUTES Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology
& Hearing Aid Dispensers Board
San Diego, CA**

Thursday, November 6, 2014

Audiology Practice Committee Meeting

I. Call to Order

Alison Grimes, Dispensing Audiologist (DAU) called the Audiology (AU) Practice Committee meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Ms. Grimes called roll; three members of the Committee were present and thus a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present

Alison Grimes, DAU, Committee Chair
Jaime Lee, Public Member
Marcia Raggio, DAU

Staff Present

Paul Sanchez, Executive Officer
Gary Duke, Acting Legal Counsel
Anita Joseph, Enforcement Coordinator
Karen Robison, Enforcement Analyst
Tim Yang, Licensing Analyst

Guests Present

Vanessa Cajina, KP Public Affairs for Hearing Healthcare Providers (HHP)
Deanne Manning, HAD, Board Member
Bob McKinney, California Speech Hearing Association
Dee Parker, Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP)
Cynthia Peffers, Hearing Aid Dispenser, HHP
Debbie Snow, Public Board Member
Patti Solomon-Rice, SLP, Board Member

II. Introductions

III. Approval of August 20, 2014 Audiology Practice Committee Meeting Minutes

M/S/C Lee/Raggio

- **Approve the August 20, 2014, meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried 3-0**

IV. Review/Discussion/Possible Recommendation on Informal Public Comments on the Proposed Regulatory Amendments for Audiology Aide Supervision Standards and Practice Limitations (16 CCR 1399.154-1399.154.4)

- A. Legal Clarification of Practice of Audiology in Relation to Fitting and Selling of Hearing Aids, Taking of Ear Mold Impressions (Business and Professions Code 2538.11)

Gary Duke clarified the regulations which govern audiology aides and noted audiologists are exempt from hearing aid dispenser regulations as long as they do not sell hearing aids. Discussion ensued among the committee and public regarding supervision; fitting and dispensing; and ear molds. It was noted the committee has been discussing this topic over the past five years needs to come to a final conclusion. Mr. Duke will inform Sabina Knight of today's discussion.

M/S/C Raggio/Lee

- **Recommend the Board delegate staff move forward with the regulation. The motion carried 3-0**

- V. Update on Discussion Regarding MediCal/CCS (California Children's Services)

Ms. Grimes explained the committee is waiting on a response from CCS.

- VI. Update on the Outreach Letters Regarding the Services Provided by Regional Centers to Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Ms. Grimes gave an overview of the services provided by regional centers to children who are deaf and hard of hearing. Issues that were discussed during the meeting were infants and children falling through the cracks, no audiology services in the school system; parents not informed of the services their children are entitled to.

- VII. Discussion and Possible Recommendation for an Increase in the Number of Self-Study Hours for Continuing Education
 - A. ASHA's Letter and Documents to the Board about Self-Study

Discussion by the AU committee ensued regarding increasing the number of self-study CE hours allowed per renewal cycle. Issues that were raised in the discussion about increasing the self-study hours were ensuring the courses were rigorous and accessibility of self-study CE.

M/S/C Grimes/Lee

- **Obtain additional information from the Board on raising the self-study CE hours allowed from six (6) hours to twelve (12) hours per renewal cycle; redefine the definition of self-study; and require CE providers to offer rigorous self-study courses. The motion carried 2-1**

The AU Practice Committee meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.