On February 2, 2018, the Board of Hearing and Speech met in Kent at the Department of Health, Creekside Two at CenterPoint, 20425 72nd Ave S., Suite 310, Room 207, Kent, WA 98032. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the meeting agenda was emailed to the Hearing and Speech listserve and posted on the Hearing and Speech website.

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Hal Hunsaker, Chair 9:17 a.m.
   Mr. Hunsaker called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

   1.1 Introductions
   Board and staff introduced themselves. Bruce Bronoske, Jr. was introduced to the board as the Interim Program Manager. He has been serving as the Interim Program Manager since Ms. Benham accepted a position in another state agency. Ms. Crawford introduced Kim-Boi Shadduck and explained that on February 12th she will take over as Program Manager.

   1.2 Approval of the agenda
   A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Board members voted in favor of the motion.
1.3 Approval of the November 3, 2017 meeting minutes
A correction was made to Item 14 – Additional Items. The timeline the FDA will have to draft rules was corrected to read: “The FDA will have two and a half years to draft rules regarding this.” A motion was made and seconded to approve the corrected November 3, 2017 meeting minutes. Board members voted in favor of approving the November 3, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected.

2. PROGRAM REPORT – Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager and Trina Crawford, Executive Director

2.1 New board member orientation dates – Mr. Bronoske shared the 2018 dates for the new member orientation dates. The 2018 dates are:
- February 28, 2018
- May 2, 2018
- August 15, 2018
- October 24, 2018

Trina Crawford, Executive Director shared that efforts to recruit a Public Member continue.

2.2 Hearing aid specialist practical examination update – Mr. Bronoske provided an update on the practical exam. Statistics on the exam were presented to the board. Mr. Bronoske shared the exam has been administered once since the November 3, 2017 meeting. Mr. Bronoske reported the candidate successfully passed the exam.

The next exam is scheduled for March 30, 2018. There are two candidates scheduled to take the full exam and one candidate scheduled to re-take one section of the exam. Mr. Bronoske shared that Ms. Vega has agreed to proctor the exam and another proctor is still needed. Ms. Plotnick volunteered to act as the second proctor for the March 30, 2018 practical exam.

Remaining 2018 practical exam dates are as follows:
- June 29, 2018
- September 28, 2018
- December 7, 2018

Practical exams are scheduled to be held in Tumwater, WA.

2.2.a Mr. Giles asked about current licensure statistics. Ericka Brown, Credentialing Supervisor, shared the following licensure statistics with the board:

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2.3 **Current budget update** – Ms. Crawford updated board members on the 2017 – 2019 budget. She shared that the budget is complete at this time. A summary of the program budget was provided. Ms. Crawford expects the final 2017 – 2019 biennium budget to be in place by the next meeting.

2.4 **Legislative update** – Ms. Jackson reported on the meet-me-calls. There have not been many bills that impact the hearing and speech programs, however SB 6399 regarding telemedicine payment was introduced and discussed during the conference calls but didn’t progress. Another bill that would require audiologists and hearing aid specialists to educate patients about T-coil and Bluetooth technologies was also introduced but didn’t progress.

In addition, Mr. Giles shared that SB 6232 regarding hearing instrument replacement under Labor and Industries medical aid benefit was introduced.

3. **WASHINGTON RECOVERY AND MONITORING PROGRAM (WRAMP)** – Noel Webster, WRAMP Case Manager presented information to the board about the WRAMP Program and the services it provides to healthcare professionals.

Mr. Webster provided a brief history of the WRAMP Program. WRAMP provides services to over 60 healthcare professions. Three staff members work in the WRAMP Program. One staff member is located in Spokane. Mr. Webster shared that currently 10% -15% of the U.S. population is affected by substance use disorders. Currently there are approximately 150 participants. The length of the program varies dependent on the participant and ranges from one to five years. The program consists of the following components:

- Intake
- Substance use disorder evaluation by chemical dependency professional
- Treatment (if recommended)
- Support groups
- Random drug testing
- Worksite monitoring

Participants are required to check in daily and are responsible for any fees. Participants may be discharged from the program for non-compliance.

4. **INTERNATIONAL HEARING SOCIETY UPDATE** – Richard Giles reported to the board information regarding a recent meeting he attended between the Hearing Association Workgroup and the FDA regarding potential over the counter device labeling.

Mr. Giles attended a meeting of the Hearing Association Workgroup and the FDA about over the counter devices and legislation. Attendees talked about what to name the devices and asked for information prior to drafting rules. Labeling and monitoring of devices after the sale of the device was also discussed. Another meeting is scheduled for March; Mr. Giles agreed to provide an updated report of the March meeting at the next board meeting.

5. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO SUPERVISE INTERIM PERMIT HOLDERS** – The board reviewed and considered requests for approval to supervise interim permit holders per WAC 246-828-045 (1) (b).
5.1 Request for approval of Rachelle Roby – The board reviewed, discussed, and voted to request more information regarding how the supervision would take place for Rachelle Roby to supervise interim permit holders per WAC 246-828-045 (1) (b).

6. POLICY FOR REMOTE SUPERVISION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS – The board discussed remote supervision of speech-language pathology assistants (teletherapy) to determine if a policy is needed. The board discussed and suggested a sub-committee meet via conference call to discuss and make recommendations to the full board at the next meeting. Sub-committee members include: Courtenay Hendricks, Roberta Jackson, Hal Hunsaker, Kelly Siebecke

7. COMMITTEE WORK

7.1 Rules Committee
   Members: Trice Konschuh, Public Member; Ann Plotnick, Hearing Aid Specialist; Rick Giles, Hearing Aid Specialist; Dr. Alison Vega, Audiologist; Roberta Jackson, SLP; Kelly Siebecke, SLPA
   7.1.1 The board referred the following to the Rules Committee to review:
   WAC 246-828-045, 04505
   To consider amending or clarifying language regarding supervision of an interim permit holder, out of state.

7.2 Education/Exam Committee
   Members: Courtenay Hendricks, Public Member; Hal Hunsaker, SLP; Dr. Alison Vega, Audiologist; Henry Ou, M.D; Roberta Jackson, SLP
   7.2.1 There were no additional agenda items referred for committee review.

7.3 Disciplinary Committee
   Members: Ann Plotnick, Hearing Aid Specialist; Hal Hunsaker, SLP; Trice Konschuh, Public Member; Lisa Illich, Audiologist

7.4 Public Relations Committee
   Members: Courtenay Hendricks, Public Member; Hal Hunsaker, SLP; Henry Ou, M.D.
   7.4.1 Committee members reviewed the following requests for lists and labels:
   - Spokane Falls Community College
   - Consonus, Rehab Specialists
   - Hearing Loss Association of Washington
   - Providence Health and Services
   - St. Luke’s Health System

7.5 Site-Review Committee for Hearing Aid Specialist Programs
   Members: Ann Plotnick, Hearing Aid Specialist; Alison Vega, Audiologist; Courtenay Hendricks, Public Member; Rick Giles, Hearing Aid Specialist
   7.5.1 There were no additional agenda items referred for committee review.
   7.5.2 Committee members discussed a date for review (2018-2019) of the Washington Hearing Society Hearing Aid Specialist Training Program.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Committee members reported their discussions and presented committee recommendations for board action.

Rules Committee
- The committee reviewed, discussed, and recommended the board vote in favor of opening WAC 246-828-045, 04505 to gain stakeholder input on amending language regarding interim permit holders and determine whether a supervision definition is required. The board voted in favor of the committee’s recommendation.

Education/Exam Committee
- The committee did not provide a report as they did not meet.

Disciplinary Committee
- The committee did not provide a report.

Public Relations Committee
- The committee reviewed, discussed, and recommended the board approve a lists and labels request from Spokane Falls Community College. The board voted to approve the lists and labels request from Spokane Falls Community College.
- The committee reviewed, discussed, and recommended the board deny a lists and labels request from Consonus, Rehab Specialists. The board voted to deny the lists and labels request from Consonus, Rehab Specialists.
- The committee reviewed, discussed, and recommended the board deny a lists and labels request from Hearing Loss Association of Washington. The board voted to deny the lists and labels request from Hearing Loss Association of Washington.
- The committee reviewed, discussed, and recommended the board approve a lists and labels request from Providence Health and Services. The board voted to approve the lists and labels request from Providence Health and Services.
- The committee reviewed, discussed, and recommended the board approve a lists and labels request from St. Luke’s Health System. The board voted to approve the lists and labels request from St. Luke’s Health System.

Site-Review Committee for Hearing Aid Specialist Programs
- Committee members discussed setting a date to review the Washington Hearing Society Hearing Aid Specialist Training Program. A representative from the Washington Hearing Society’s Hearing Aid Specialist Training Program is scheduled to attend the next board meeting. Committee members recommended staff set the site review date at the next board meeting. Board members voted in favor of the committee’s recommendation.

9. CONSENT AGENDA
There were no items added to the Consent Agenda for the board to review.

10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – The board discussed adding the following items to future meeting agendas:
- Update regarding the Hearing Association Workgroup’s March meeting regarding OTC devices – Rick Giles
- FDA information regarding OTC devices – Joyce Roper, AAG
- Presentation – Washington Hearing Society
- Rules update
- Exam re-take policy
- Set date for Washington Hearing Society’s Hearing Aid Specialist Training Program site visit.

11. **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
There were no members of the public present at this time.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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Presented By: Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager Date

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Approved By: Hal Hunsaker, Chair Date