On March 22, 2019, the Board of Hearing and Speech met in Kent, Washington at Creekside Two at CenterPoint, 20425 72nd Ave S., Room 309. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the meeting agenda was emailed to the Hearing and Speech listserv and posted on the Hearing and Speech website.

Board Members Present:
Courtenay Hendricks, chair; Lisa Illich, vice chair; Rick Giles; Roberta Jackson; Trice Konschuh; Ann Plotnick; Kelly Siebecke; Alison Vega, AuD; Hal Hunsaker; Lynn Satre

Board Members Absent:
David Horn, MD

Staff Present
Brad Burnham, executive director; Kim-Boi Shadduck, program manager; Sarah Beckham, program representative; Joyce Roper, assistant attorney general (AAG); Stephanie Vaughn, policy analyst; Heather Cantrell, policy analyst

Others Present
Nichole Kingham, AuD
Alamander Hicks, AuD
Nancy Bowen-Hicks, AuD

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Courtenay Hendricks, Chair 9:05 a.m.
Ms. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1.1 Approval of the agenda
A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

2. RULES HEARING – Courtenay Hendricks, Chair
Ms. Hendricks held a rules hearing on the adoption of amendments to chapter 246-828 WAC. There were no questions from the public and no written testimony. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed revisions to WAC 246-828. The motion carried. The rules hearing concluded at 9:11 a.m.
3. BOARD BUSINESS – Courtenay Hendricks, Chair
3.1 Approval of November 2, 2018, meeting minutes
Joyce Roper, AAG, requested to remove the sentence “The FDA has approved three devices.” A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

3.2 Approval of November 16, 2018, special meeting minutes
Ann Plotnick requested to be added to the minutes as an absent member. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

4. AUDIOLOGIST ASSISTANT – Dr. Nicole Kingham
Dr. Kingham, Audiology Academy, gave a presentation to the board on her audiology assistant program.

5. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT – Joyce Roper, AAG
Ms. Roper, AAG, provided some recent articles regarding hearing aid issues.

6. PROGRAM REPORT – Brad Burnham, Executive Director; and Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager
6.1 Credentialing statistics – Ms. Shadduck shared the following licensure statistics with the board:

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The figures shown above are as of January 24, 2019.

6.2 Current budget report – Ms. Shadduck provided an update on the current budget figures showing revenues continue to exceed expenditures.

6.3 Legislative report – Brad Burnham gave a brief overview of his background before becoming the executive director for the board. He also briefly described some of the Department of Health legislative proposals and where they are in the current legislative session. One bill relating to this board is SB5210, which has to do with notification orally and in writing of certain technologies for fitting hearing aid units in regard to Bluetooth and T-coil in relation to the ADA requiring accommodations for hearing impaired in public places such as theaters, auditoriums, classrooms, etc.

7. MULTI – BOARD RETREAT – Courtenay Hendricks, Chair
The board discussed the multi-board retreat it attended November 16, 2018, with the Occupational Therapy Practice Board and the Board of Physical Therapy. Board members
appreciated the opportunity to meet members of the other boards and to discuss topics of common interest.

8. **PRACTICING WITHOUT A LICENSE – Courtenay Hendricks, Chair** – The board discussed the importance of how new graduates must have supervision while pending licensure. They may not work without supervision while their license is pending.

The board discussed ways to disseminate this information to upcoming or new graduates. The public relations committee will put together something to include with initial application information. The Washington Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Washington State Academy of Audiology, Washington Hearing Society, and International Hearing Society could also inform their members.

9. **COMMITTEE WORK**

9.1 **Rules Committee** - Members: Trice Konschuh, public member; Ann Plotnick, hearing aid specialist; Rick Giles, hearing aid specialist; Dr. Alison Vega, audiologist; Roberta Jackson, SLP

9.1.1 Committee members will discuss any agenda items referred for committee review.

9.2 **Education / Exam Committee** - Members: Roberta Jackson, SLP; Courtenay Hendricks, public member; Hal Hunsaker, SLP; Dr. Alison Vega, audiologist; David Horn, M.D.; Kelly Siebecke, SLPA

9.2.1 No additional agenda items were referred for committee review.

9.3 **Disciplinary Committee** - Members: Ann Plotnick, hearing aid specialist; Hal Hunsaker, SLP; Trice Konschuh, public member; Dr. Alison Vega, audiologist.

9.3.1 No additional agenda items were referred for committee review.

9.4 **Public Relations Committee** - Members: Courtenay Hendricks, public member; Hal Hunsaker, SLP; Dr. David Horn, M.D.

9.4.1 Committee members reviewed a request for lists and labels from All American Healthcare Services.

9.5 **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; Lisa Illich, audiologist.

9.5.1 Committee members will discuss any agenda items referred for committee review.

9.6 **Telehealth Committee** - Members: Lisa Illich, audiologist; Dr. David Horn, M.D.; Kelly Siebecke, SLPA.

9.6.1 Committee members will discuss any agenda items referred for committee review.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee members reported their discussions and presented committee recommendations for board action.
Rules Committee
The committee recommended the following rules for amendments:
- WAC 246-828-020 – Examinations
- WAC 246-828-075 – Supervisors of students
- WAC 246-828-300 – Expired license or certification
- WAC 246-828-990 – Hearing aid specialist, audiologist, speech-language pathologist, and speech-language pathology assistant fees and renewal cycle

The committee recommended the board vote in favor of opening a CR 101 for the above rules. A motion was made and seconded to open a CR-101 for these sections of WAC. Motion carried.

Education/Exam Committee
The committee did not provide a report

Disciplinary Committee
The committee did not provide a report.

Lynn Satre is a new member of this committee.

Public Relations Committee
The committee recommended denying the request for lists and labels from All American Healthcare Services. A motion was made and seconded to deny this request. Motion carried.

Site Review Committee
Spokane Falls is due for the next site review. Kim-Boi Shadduck said no date has been set yet. Lisa Illich said a response has been received from Washington Hearing Society from the latest site visit.

Telehealth Committee
Kim-Boi Shadduck said this committee is no longer needed because its guidelines have been published. A motion was made and seconded to move these committee members to the public relations committee. Motion carried.

11. CONSENT AGENDA
There were no items added to the consent agenda for the board to review.

12. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Dr. Nancy Bowen-Hicks talked about ESB5210 - Notifying purchasers of hearing instruments about uses and benefits of telecoil and Bluetooth technology.
13. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS** – The board discussed adding the following items to future meeting agendas:
   - Chair rotation
   - New public member mentoring
   - Update on SB5210

14. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Presented By: Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager

Approved By: Courtenay Hendricks, Chair