WASHINGTON STATE
Board of Hearing and Speech
Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 3, 2019

On May 3, 2019, the Board of Hearing and Speech met in Tumwater, Washington at the Department of Health, 111 Israel Road S.E., Building 2, Room 158. 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; Ann Plotnick; Hal Hunsaker; Paula Benson

Board Members Absent:
David Horn, MD Roberta Jackson
Kelly Siebecke Alison Vega
Lynn Satre Rick Giles

Staff Present
Brad Burnham, executive director; Kim-Boi Shadduck, program manager; Sarah Beckham, program representative; Joyce Roper, assistant attorney general (AAG); Andrea Wagner, credentialing; Sara Kirschenman, staff attorney

Others Present
Melissa Johnson, Washington Speech-Language-Hearing Association
Casey Comstock
Matt Johnson
Stephen Scott
Amelia Armstrong
Logan Radcliffe

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Courtenay Hendricks, Chair 9:10 a.m.
Ms. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

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

1.2 Approval of March 22, 2019 meeting minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR
Ann Plotnick made a motion to nominate Lisa Illich to become the chair for 2019-2020. Motion was seconded and approved.
Lisa Illich made a motion to nominate Roberta Jackson to become the vice-chair for 2019-2020. Motion was seconded and approved.

3. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT
Discussion of sending surveys to licensed audiologists by mail. Ann Plotnick made a motion to approve a one-time mailing of surveys to licensed audiologists. Hal Hunsaker seconded the motion. The motion approved.

4. PROGRAM REPORT – Andrea Wagner, Credentialing; Brad Burnham, Executive Director; and Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager

4.1 Credentialing statistics – Andrea Wagner shared the following licensure statistics with the board:

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The figures shown above are from October 2, 2018 – March 31, 2019

4.2 Hearing Aid Specialist Practical Examination Update – Ms. Shadduck said three applicants took the exam in March. One applicant passed the whole exam and two applicants passed all but one section and will need to retake that section. The next exam is scheduled for June 28, 2019. Four applicants are taking the complete exam and two who will retake the sections they did not pass previously.

4.3 Budget update – Ms. Shadduck provided a current budget report and explained the board’s current budget, which is still healthy with a positive balance.

4.4 Legislative update - Brad Burnham gave an overview of some of the Department of Health’s (DOH) legislative proposals in this year’s legislative session that ended on April 28. He also said Senate Bill 5210 passed this session, which has to do with notification orally and in writing of available technologies for fitting hearing aid units. These changes to law align with the ADA requiring accommodations for hearing-
impaired in public places such as theaters, auditoriums, classrooms, etc. The board will draft rule language related to this bill.

He mentioned that House Bill 1811 did not make it through this session. This bill requires health carriers to include coverage for hearing instruments for children 18 years or younger. Once a bill is introduced it has a two-year life cycle so this bill will be back during the next legislative session in 2020.

Mr. Burnham also gave a brief overview of some other department bills and budget requests that passed during this session, including:

- Filling vacancies in our credentialing office, which will help expedite processing of applications and renewals
- Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Modernization Solution (HELMS) project to update the current database system for licensing
- Screening tools for developmentally delayed children

The board discussed if it was possible to use some of its current fund balance to pay for the HELMS upgrade instead of assessing the increase in fees.

5. **RENEWAL LICENSURE**

5.1 **Online renewal and surety bond audit**
Andrea Wagner and Kim-Boi Shadduck explained the online renewal process now includes the surety bond information that is required with every renewal. Surety bonds will be audited with CE audits.

6. **COMMITTEE WORK**

9.1 **Rules Committee** - Members: Ann Plotnick, hearing aid specialist; Rick Giles, hearing aid specialist; Dr. Alison Vega, audiologist; Roberta Jackson, SLP
   9.1.1 No additional agenda items were 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; 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 Washington Hearing Society.
9.4.2 Committee members reviewed a request for lists and labels form Relias LLC.

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 how often site reviews should occur.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Committee members reported their discussions and presented committee recommendations for board action.

Rules Committee
The committee did not provide a report.

Education/Exam Committee
The committee did not provide a report.

Disciplinary Committee
The committee did not provide a report.

Public Relations Committee
The committee recommended approving the request for lists and labels from the Washington Hearing Society. A motion was made and seconded to approve this request. Motion carried.

The committee recommended deferring the request for lists and labels from Relias LLC to request additional information. A motion was made and seconded to defer this request until further information is received. Motion carried.

Site Review Committee
The site review committee recommended site reviews be done every three years. Spokane Falls would be due in 2020; Bates Technical College would be due in 2021; and Washington Hearing Society would be due in 2022.

A motion was made and seconded to approve a three year cycle for site reviews. Motion carried.

11. CONSENT AGENDA
Kim-Boi Shadduck discussed an article for the board’s information about the future of hearing aid technologies and how they could be used for non-hearing purposes.

13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – The board discussed adding the following items to future meeting agendas:
- HELMS – using current budget balance instead of having a fee increase
- Further updates on past legislative session
- New board member notebook or mentoring
14. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Presented By: Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager  
Date

Approved By: Courtenay Hendricks, Chair  
Date