On August 2, 2019, the Board of Hearing and Speech met at the Red Lion Hotel, 11211 Main St., Bellevue, in the Lake Washington Ballroom. 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:**
Lisa Illich, chair; Roberta Jackson, vice chair; Alison Vega; Lynn Satre; Ann Plotnick; Brenda Litke; Kelly Siebecke; Ray Parker; Paula Benson

**Board Members Absent:**
Hal Hunsaker; David Horn, MD

**Staff Present:**
Brad Burnham, executive director; Loralei Walker, program manager; Sarah Beckham, program representative; Joyce Roper, assistant attorney general (AAG); Tanya Mills, credentialing supervisor; Heather Cantrell, policy analyst

**Others Present:**
Logan Radcliffe
Keri Radcliffe
Warren Weissman
Cynthia Stewart
Cheri Perazzoli
Diana Thompson
Bibiana Van Dyk

**OPEN SESSION – 9 a.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER – Lisa Illich, Chair**
   Ms. Illich called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m.

1.1 **Introductions**
   Board, staff and audience members introduced themselves. Loralei Walker was introduced to the board as the interim program manager for this meeting. Kim-Boi Shadduck, program manager, has been temporarily reassigned to another office in the Department of Health (DOH) for the next few months and Ms. Walker is stepping in to help facilitate this meeting. Brandon Williams will be the acting program manager for future meetings until Ms. Shadduck returns to this office.
1.2 Approval of the agenda
Roberta Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Ann Plotnick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1.3 Approval of the May 3, 2019 meeting minutes
Alison Vega made a motion to approve the May 3, 2019 meeting minutes. Roberta Jackson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5210 – Lisa Illich, Chair

This bill passed in the most recent legislative session. It requires anyone who engages in fitting and dispensing of hearing instruments to notify purchasers of current assistive technologies for hearing aid users. The board will work on rule writing in reference to ESB5210.

Brad Burnham gave a brief overview of the rule making process within the Department of Health. Mr. Burnham also discussed the bill itself and what the language in the bill means as far as rule writing is concerned. The board discussed the use of “mays” and “musts.” The board read and discussed the CR101 that had been created and made some modifications to it. Kelly Siebecke made a motion to approve DOH submitting the CR101 as amended. Roberta Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. PROGRAM REPORT – Brad Burnham, Executive Director; Tanya Mills, Credentialing Supervisor; Loralei Walker, Program Manager

3.1 Credentialing Statistics – Tanya Mills shared the following licensure statistics with the board:

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The board requested the statistics include information showing the number of days from receipt of application to issuance of license.

3.2 Hearing aid specialist practical examination update – statistics – Mr. Burnham provided an update on the practical exam. On June 28, 2019 eight candidates took the exam – six new and two retakes. All passed their exams.

3.3 Current budget report – Mr. Burnham updated the board members on the board’s current budget. The budget is healthy with revenue continuing to exceed expenditures. Disciplinary and investigative costs are the biggest expense for the board.

3.4 Legislative update – Mr. Burnham reviewed some of the legislation the DOH submitted that passed in the most recent session, including the Tobacco 21 bill, which prohibits anyone under 21 from buying tobacco products. ESB5210 passed also, which will create work for this board to begin rulemaking.

3.5 HELMS update – The department is continuing work on procuring a new system to replace the current ILERS program. There will be extra licensing fees for all professions of $10 per licensee to pay for this new program for four years.

4. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT
Cynthia Stewart, president, Hearing Loss Association of Washington, talked about some resources when looking for meeting rooms that have a loop system to assist those with hearing issues.

5. MEETING AND PRACTICAL EXAM DATES FOR 2020
The board discussed possible meeting dates for next year. It decided the May meeting would be in Spokane to coincide with the annual review at Spokane Falls Community College. No action was taken on meeting dates but will be determined at the next board meeting in November.
6. **NEW BOARD MEMBER MENTORING**
   The board discussed whether new board members should have mentors assigned to them and whether the mentor should be within their specific profession, i.e., hearing aid specialist for new hearing aid specialist board member. The board decided when a new board member comes on board, a mentor will be assigned at that time.

7. **COMMITTEE WORK**
   7.1 **Rules Committee** - Members: Ann Plotnick, hearing aid specialist; Paula Benson, public member; Dr. Alison Vega, audiologist; Roberta Jackson, SLP

   7.2 **Education / Exam Committee** - Members: Roberta Jackson, SLP; Hal Hunsaker, SLP; Dr. Alison Vega, audiologist; David Horn, M.D.; Kelly Siebecke, SLPA
   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; Lynn Satre, public member; Dr. Alison Vega, audiologist.
   7.3.1 There were no additional agenda items referred for committee review.

   7.4 **Public Relations Committee** - Members: Hal Hunsaker, SLP, Lisa Illich, audiologist, Dr. David Horn, M.D.; Kelly Siebecke, SLPA.
   7.4.1 Committee members discussed any agenda items referred for committee review.
   7.4.2 Committee reviewed a request for lists and labels from Relias LLC.
   7.4.3 Committee reviewed other options for social media.

   7.5 **Site-Review Committee for Hearing Aid Specialist Programs** - Members: Ann Plotnick, hearing aid specialist; Alison Vega, audiologist; Lisa Illich, audiologist.
   7.5.1 There were no additional agenda items referred for committee review.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   **Rules Committee**
   Members: Ann Plotnick, hearing aid specialist; Paula Benson, public member; Dr. Alison Vega, audiologist; Roberta Jackson, SLP

   The committee discussed changes to rule language for WAC 246-828-020, 246-828-025, 246-828-04503, 246-828-075, 246-828-300 and 246-828-990. The board reviewed and discussed the draft changes made by the committee. Dr. Alison Vega made a motion to accept the language for this draft version of these WACs. Ann Plotnick seconded the motion. The motion carried.
During the rulemaking discussion, the board also discussed the process of examination retakes. Recently, the board has allowed applicants who fail the examination to retake the portions of the exam they failed instead of retaking the whole examination. The board discussed the convenience of taking just the failed portions versus passing the whole examination in one attempt. After the discussion, the board decided to change the procedure back to requiring applicants who fail the examination to retake the whole examination.

**Public Relations Committee**
Members: Hal Hunsaker, SLP; Lisa Illich, audiologist; Dr. David Horn, M.D.; Kelly Siebecke, SLPA

The public relations committee recommended the board approve the request for lists and labels from Relias LLC. Roberta Jackson made a motion to approve this request. Allison Vega seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the information to be sent via DOH social media platforms. Because DOH’s social media platforms are geared toward the general public, the information needed to be revised. The revised paragraph will be sent to Gordon MacCracken in our communications unit for his review.

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

**Disciplinary Committee**
The committee did not meet and did not provide a report.

**Site Review Committee**
The committee did not meet and did not provide a report.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA**
Additional information about advances in hearing aid assistive technologies.

10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- Next board meeting on November 1, 2019 in Kent at the Department of Health office
- Rulemaking – additional changes needed to prep for CR102
- Update of new rulemaking re: recent legislation
- Committee member terms
- Finalize meeting dates

11. **ADJOURNMENT**
Meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.

Presented by Brad Burnham, Executive Director

Approved by: Lisa Illich, Chair