

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS PROGRAM

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Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist

January 26, 2016

TIES Center, Lexington Room

1644 Larpenteur Avenue West, Falcon Heights, MN 55113

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present Members:

Mark DeRuiter
Jerry Meinders
George Pfaff
Katherine Teece
Jenne Tunnell

MDH Staff Members:

Anne Kukowski
Catherine Lloyd
Gloria Rudolph
Cindy Xiong

Guests:

Josephine Helmbrecht
Dr. Geoffrey Service

Absent Members:

Heidi Hueffmeier
Nyagatare Valens

AGENDA:

- 1. Convene and Introductions.** Done by those in attendance.
- 2. Announcements – Vacancies.** There are currently three vacancies; SLP: Hospital Setting, SLP: Home Care Setting, and Public Member.
- 3. Announcements – Convenience Fee.** Pursuant to new Department-wide standards, practitioners who chose to pay their fee online will be assessed a convenience fee when they pay with their debit or credit card. In the past, MDH absorbed this cost. Practitioners may instead choose to pay by e-check and MDH will absorb the transaction fee of \$0.15.
- 4. Announcements – HID Exam.** An additional practical exam date has been added, there will be four HID exams this year. MDH is exploring additional testing options to accommodate increased demand.
- 5. Review and Approval of Minutes.** Approved as written.
- 6. Additions/Adoptions of Agenda.** Approved as written.
- 7. Staff Updates – Credentialing Report.** Rudolph presented SLP/AuD credentialing stats, as of December 31, 2015.

Full Licensure:

SLP: 1,618

AuD: 448

Dual: 2

Total: 2,068

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SLP: 100

AuD: 8

Dual: 0

Total: 108

Temporary:

SLP: 5

AuD: 6

Dual: 0

Total: 11

Total Licensed:

2,187

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Rudolph also presented HID Practical Exam results from the November 20, 2015 practical exam.

All New Candidates:	All Retest Candidates:	All Total Candidates:
10 Passed	5 Passed	15 Passed
<u>7</u> Failed	<u>4</u> Failed	<u>11</u> Failed
17 Total	9 Total	26 Total

AuD Candidates:	AuD Retest Candidates:	AuD Total Candidates:
5 Passed	0 Passed	5 Passed
<u>2</u> Failed*	<u>0</u> Failed	<u>2</u> Failed
7 Total	0 Total	7 Total

HID Candidates:	HID Retest Candidates:	HID Total Candidates:
5 Passed	5 Passed	10 Passed
<u>5</u> Failed	<u>4</u> Failed	<u>9</u> Failed
10 Total	9 Total	19 Total

*The Audiologist failure consisted of 2 audiometry.

8. **Staff Updates – Investigations and Enforcements Reports.** Kukowski presented SLP/AuD investigation and enforcement reports through 2nd quarter of Fiscal Year 2016.

SLP Intake:	SLP Investigations:	SLP Enforcements:	SLP Pending:
0	Opened: 0 Closed: 0	Opened: 0 Closed: 0	Investigations: 1 Enforcements: 3
AUD Intake:	AUD Investigations:	AUD Enforcements:	AUD Pending:
10	Opened: 3 Closed: 2	Opened: 0 Closed: 1	Investigations: 3 Enforcements: 7

9. **Staff Updates – Budget Report.** Kukowski presented SLP/AUD budget reports through 2nd quarter of Fiscal Year 2016.
10. **Old Business – Retention Schedule.** Kukowski announced that MDH has implemented a new retention schedule. We are working to have this schedule modified to allow us to retain the documents required to renew lapsed returning practitioners as specified by statute.
11. **Old Business – Legislative Proposals – Technical, CBC, and Fiscal.** Kukowski announced that the Department will not be bringing forth any technical, criminal legislative proposals for consideration during the 2016 legislative session.
12. **New Business – Hearing Instrument Dispenser Apprenticeship Presentation and MDH Recommendations.** Lloyd reported that U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, has recognized hearing aid specialists as an occupation amenable to an apprenticeship program. Lloyd briefly reviewed the New National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards for the International Hearing Society and Appendix A of Bulletin 2015-23. Lloyd led a discussion about whether sponsors, or a group of employers can develop voluntary apprenticeship programs, through the MN Department of Labor and Industry, for hearing instrument dispensers based on U.S. Department of Labor National Guidelines without violating or opening Minnesota Statute, Chapter 153.A.

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- 13. New Business – Criminal Background Check.** Lloyd discussed 2013 legislation amending Minnesota Statutes, section 214.075 which also required, in an uncodified section, that we implement Criminal Background Checks for initial applicants for licensure as speech-language pathologists or audiologists.
- 14. New Business – Telemedicine – MHCP Provider Statement.** Kukowski will present information about telemedicine at our next meeting advisory council meeting in April.
- 15. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned.**

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, April 26, 2016