



Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist Advisory Council

April 25, 2017

2:30PM – 4:30PM

Wellstone Center, Fireside

179 Robie Street East, St. Paul, MN 55107

IN ATTENDANCE:

Present Members: Jenne Tunnell, George Pfaff, Sarah Monahan, Leigh Ann Ahmad, Heidi Hueffmeier, Josephine Helmbrecht, Analise Ludwig, Dr. Geoffrey Service.

MDH Staff Members: Catherine Lloyd, Gloria Rudolph, Kevin Reinke, Morgan Foster.

Absent Members: Mark DeRuiter, Nyagatare Valens.

AGENDA:

1. **Convene and Introductions** - Done by those in attendance.
2. **Announcements**
 - A. **Staffing Updates** - Lloyd updated the council that Anne Kukowski accepted a new position. Susan Winkelmann, Assistant Division Director, will be conducting interviews soon.
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes (January 24, 2017 meeting)** – approved as written.
4. **Additions/Adoptions of Agenda** - approved as written.
5. **Staff Updates**
 - A. **Credentialing Report** - Rudolph presented SLP/AUD credentialing statistics as of March 31, 2017.*
 - B. **HID Exam Report** - Rudolph presented Hearing Instrument Dispenser Practical Exam results from February 10, 2017* and HID Exam Retest Results from March 31, 2017.*
 - C. **Investigation and Enforcement Reports** - Lloyd presented SLP/AUD Investigation and Enforcement reports through third quarter of fiscal year 2017.*
6. **Old Business**
 - A. **2017 Legislative Session** - Lloyd followed up with 2017 legislative updates. There is no news to report at this time. Both houses are working on the budget, the session must end by May 22, 2017 at midnight. So far, there have been no fee increases for the criminal background checks. MDH must commence checks by January 1, 2018 for new applicants. Lloyd shared the governor's proposal to increase fees including Audiology exam fees, late fees and renewal increases, and criminal background checks.

- B. Assistive Listening Devices** - Lloyd followed up on the discussion of teachers in rural areas fitting assistive listening devices. The department is looking for ideas and resources to post to the MDH website for families with children and hearing loss. The department was responding to an inquiry wondering if we needed to provide more resources for public information.
- C. Online Audiometry** - Council members presented an update on their research on several different types of virtual audiometry.
- D. HID Brochure** - Kevin presented changes to the brochure.

7. New Business

- A. No Fee Rooms - Twin Cities area and MDH Offices Statewide** - The Health Occupations Program is looking at ways of reducing costs to the program; this includes free or lower cost room rentals, and delivering handouts electronically.
- B. Exemptions** - Rudolph discussed the exceptions for the doctoral externship temporary license, and working for Veteran's administration as doctoral externship temporary licensee ([148.513 sub 3](#)).

1. **Adjourn** - Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Next Meeting:

July 25, 2017

*Detailed reports are available upon request.

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