



Meeting Minutes: Speech Language Pathologist and Audiologist Advisory Council

October 24, 2017

Minutes prepared by: Morgan Foster
Location: PERA, 60 Empire Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55103

Attendance

- MDH Staff Members: Catherine Lloyd, Gloria Rudolph, Kevin Reinke, Nancy Omandi, Morgan Foster
- Council Members: Leigh Ann Ahmad, Heidi Hueffmeier, Sarah Monahan, Analise Ludwig, George Pfaff, Geoffrey Service, Josephine Helmbrecht, Taiha Wagner, Nancy Thul, Letty Faller
- Absent Members: Jenne Tunnell, Nyagatare Valens

Agenda/Notes

- **Convene and Introductions**
- **Announcements**
 - **Calendar Year 2018 Meeting Schedule** - Meetings will be held January, April, July and October.
 - **HID Exam Schedule – Posted at**
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/hpsc/hop/hid/hidexamdates.html>
 - **Council Appointments** - The council has reviewed applicants and plans to fill the vacancies by January 2018.
 - **Special Welcome** – Nancy Omandi, Division Director
 - **Special Guest** – Sarah Chute, Center for Health Equity
- **Approval of Minutes (July 25th, 2017)** - Meeting minutes approved.
- **Additions/Adoption of Agenda** – No additions to the agenda.
- **Staff Updates**
 - **Credentialing Report** - Rudolph presented SLP/AUD credentialing statistics as of September 30, 2017*
 - **HID Exam Report** - Rudolph presented Hearing Instrument Dispenser Practical Exam results from August 11, 2017, and Retest results from September 29, 2017.*
 - **Investigation and Enforcement Reports** - Reinke presented SLP/AUD Investigation and Enforcement reports through first quarter of fiscal year 2018.*
 - **Budget Updates** - Lloyd presented the budget report for FY 2016, 2017 and FY 2018 projected.*
- **Old Business**

- **Teleconference/Skype Meetings** – The Council agrees MDH should continue to hold all meetings in person, with the addition of the conference call option to make the meeting more accessible for council members and the public.
- **Criminal Background Checks Update** – Lloyd updated the council that MDH has entered a contract to develop and test a system for background checks.
- **New Business**
 - **Application Process** – Rudolph informed the council of MDH initiatives to streamline the application process to be more efficient. Applicants for Speech Language Pathologists, and Audiologists will be expected to collect all the information needed for licensure. Rather than waiting for other states to send materials separately and wondering if MDH has received them. This cuts down on processing time, and reduces phone calls from applicants.
 - **Health Equity Initiatives** – Sarah Chute presented to the council Minnesota Department of Health’s Center for Health Equity. Council members engaged in small group discussions on how their profession meets the needs of their diverse clients and/stakeholders. Council members agreed to develop a work plan and establish one or two goals to align with the Department’s efforts to advance health equity.
 - What would it look like for SLPA to embed health equity into the next one to two-year work plan?
 - How might a health equity framework enhance SLPA’s impact on the health & lives of rural communities?
 - What support would you need from MDH in order to embed health equity into SLPA’s work plan?
- **Adjourn**

Next Meeting

Date: January 23, 2018

Time: 2:30-4:30 pm

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Agenda items: (submit proposed agenda items to health.hop@state.mn.us)

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