



# Meeting Minutes: Speech Language Pathologist and Audiologist Advisory Council

## January 23, 2018

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

### Attendance

- MDH Staff Members: Catherine Lloyd, Barbara Damchik-Dykes, Grace Rauchwarter, Morgan Foster
- Council Members: Leigh Ann Ahmad, Sarah Monahan, George Pfaff, Josephine Helmbrecht, Nancy Thul, Letty Faller, Jenne Tunnell, Nyagatare Valens
- Absent Members: Analise Ludwig, Geoffrey Service, Heidi Hueffmeier, Taiha Wagner

### Agenda/Notes

- **Convene and Introductions**
- **Announcements**
  - **Staff Updates** – Gloria Rudolph and Kevin Reinke have accepted new positions. Barbara Damchik-Dykes has accepted role as new Health Occupations Assistant Manager.
  - **Council Appointments** - The council has appointed 3 three new members.
  - **Oath of Office** – New members sign Oath of Office.
- **Approval of Minutes (July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017)** - Meeting minutes approved as written.
- **Additions/Adoption of Agenda** – No additions to the agenda.
- **Staff Updates**
  - **Credentialing Report** - Rauchwarter presented SLP/AUD credentialing statistics as of January 1, 2018\*
  - **HID Exam Report** - Rauchwarter presented Hearing Instrument Dispenser Practical Exam results from November 3, 2017\*
  - **Investigation and Enforcement Reports** – Damchik-Dykes presented SLP/AUD Investigation and Enforcement reports through 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of fiscal year 2018.\*
  - **Budget Updates** - Lloyd presented the budget report for FY 2018 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.\*
- **Old Business**
  - **Criminal Background Checks Update** – Lloyd updated the council that MDH has entered a contract to develop and test a system for background checks.

- **Health Equity Initiatives** – Council members asked the Department for resources (data) on current population of SLPAs, how to determine if there are gaps in services, community outreach, and recruitment to the profession.
- **New Business**
  - **2017 Over the Counter Hearing Aid Act** – Council members agreed to invite a speaker on this topic to the next advisory council meeting.
- **Adjourn**

## Next Meeting

Date: April 24, 2018

Time: 2:30-4:30 pm

Location: PERA, 60 Empire Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55103

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

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