



Washington State Board of Hearing and Speech Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2020

On February 7, 2020, the Board of Hearing and Speech met in Tumwater at the Department of Health, 111 Israel Road S.E., Room 166. 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; Hal Hunsaker; Lynn Satre; Ann Plotnick; Brenda Litke; Kelly Siebecke; Ray Parker; Paula Benson, Dr. David Horn

Board Members Absent:

Alison Vega

Staff Present:

Brad Burnham, Executive Director; Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager; Sarah Beckham, Program Support; Joyce Roper, Assistant Attorney General (AAG); Tanya Mills, credentialing supervisor; Heather Cantrell, policy analyst; Hope Kilbourne, policy analyst; Sara Kirschenman, staff attorney

Others Present:

Cheri Perazzoli Hearing Loss Association of America
Rick Giles, International Hearing Society
Connie Furry, Washington Hearing Society
Sandy Hubbard, Washington Hearing Society
Diana Thompson, Hearing Loss Association
Tammy Miller, Washington Hearing Society
Melissa Johnson, Washington Speech-Language Hearing Association
Deborah Willow, Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing, DSHS

OPEN SESSION – 9 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Lisa Illich, Chair

Ms. Illich called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

1.1 Approval of the agenda

Lisa Illich, Chair, said Item 4 on the agenda will be excluded. Roberta Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Lynn Satre seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1.2 **Approval of the November 1, 2019 meeting minutes**

Roberta Jackson made a motion to approve the November 1, 2019, meeting minutes. Ray Parker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. **CREDENTIALING EXCEPTION APPLICATIONS**

Hyon Yi, credentialing supervisor, gave a presentation on the approval process for exception applications. Exception applications are required to go through the case management team (CMT). Other boards/commissions have approved a list of misdemeanor/gross misdemeanor crimes that can be approved by credentialing without having to go through CMT. Hyon asked the board if it would be willing to have applications with misdemeanors or gross misdemeanors be approved by credentialing without having to go through CMT.

After discussion, Roberta Jackson made a motion to accept the guidelines as presented on the Occupational Therapy Practice Board matrix with regard to exception applications with misdemeanor/gross misdemeanor charges. Hal Hunsaker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. **PROGRAM REPORT – Brad Burnham, Executive Director; Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager**

3.1 **Credentialing statistics** – Ms. Shadduck provided an update on current credentialing statistics.

3.2 **Hearing aid specialist practical exam** - On December 6, 2019 two applicants took the full exam. One passed and one will retake one section at the next exam date, March 27, 2020. Another applicant retook part of the exam and passed.

3.3 **Current budget report** – Ms. Shadduck 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 **Joint retreat** – Ms. Shadduck received an invitation from the Occupational Therapy (OT) Practice Board to hold a joint retreat with it along with the Physical Therapy Board. The proposed date would be sometime in August. The board decided the week of August 10 or August 17 would work best. Kim-Boi Shadduck will convey its acceptance to the OT board.

3.5 **Committee member terms** – Kim-Boi Shadduck asked the board to delay rotating committee members until later this year due to the current rule writing taking place. She would like to keep the current members on each committee to help expedite the rule writing with their expertise and knowledge. The board agreed to this request.

3.6 **Change July's meeting location** – Kim-Boi Shadduck requested to move the July meeting to the Department of Health in Tumwater because looping is installed in conference rooms 166/167. Roberta Jackson made a motion to approve moving the July meeting to Tumwater. Hal Hunsaker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3.7 **Legislative update** – Brad Burnham said this year's session is a short session and ends on March 12. There is a possibility of an extension but not likely. Most of the work done by legislators will be focused on the budget. The only bill that might affect the Board of Hearing and Speech is SB6061, training standards for providers who want to use telemedicine. No bills are directly related to hearing and speech.

4. OFFICE OF LEGAL SERVICES REQUEST – Joyce Roper, AAG

This item was stricken from today's agenda.

5. RULES WORKSHOP FOR ESB 5210

The board conducted a rules workshop to create a new section to implement ESB 5210 addressing consumer notification. Lynn Satre made a motion to accept the changes/updates to the rule and proceed to filing the CR-102. Ray Parker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

6. HEARING AID SPECIALIST PRACTICAL EXAM

The board discussed different options for the hearing aid specialist practical exam. Kim-Boi Shadduck is reviewing practical exams from other states and will work with the education/exam committee to help with this research. If the department cannot find a valid acceptable new exam by the end of 2020, then no exams will be given until one is found.

7. COMMITTEE WORK

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

7.1.1 Committee members discussed drafting rule language for WAC 246-828-020, 246-828-025, 246-828-04503, 246-828-075, 246-828-300, and 246-828-990.

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 No additional agenda items were 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 No additional agenda items were 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 reviewed a request for lists and labels from Institute for Brain Potential. The committee recommended asking for additional information from this company.

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 No additional agenda items were 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, and Paula Benson, public member.

The committee discussed rule language for WAC 246-828-020, 246-828-025, 246-828-04503, 246-828-075, 246-828-300 and 246-828-990. The committee would like more research to be done and discussed at the next board meeting.

Public Relations Committee

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

Committee members reviewed a request for lists and labels from Institute for Brian Potential and requested additional information from this company.

Education/Exam Committee and Disciplinary Committee

The committee did not meet and did not provide a report.

Site Review Committee

The next site review is scheduled for May 2020 at Spokane Falls Community College.

9. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Deborah Willow, director, Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing, spoke about ESB5210, notifying consumers about telecoil in hearing aids.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Site review at Spokane Falls Community College
- List/label requests
- August retreat date
- ESB5210 update
- Exams in other state

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Presented by Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager

Date

Approved by: Lisa Illich, Chair

Date