

## TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

DATE: December 9, 2014

TIME: 10:00 A.M., CT

LOCATION: Health Related Boards  
Poplar Room, Ground Floor  
665 Mainstream Dr  
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynne Harmon, Speech Pathologist, Board Chair  
Terri Flynn, Speech Pathologist  
Valeria Matlock, Audiologist  
Julie Crosby-Davis, Speech Pathologist

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Velvet Buehler, Speech Pathologist  
Kimberly Vinson, Otolaryngologist

STAFF PRESENT: Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director  
Hannah Lanford, Office of General Counsel  
Charles Custer, Board Administrator

Ms. Harmon called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

### **Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 12, 2014 meeting. Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 5, 2014 meeting. Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the minutes with a correction. The motion carried.

### **Office of General Counsel**

Ms. Lanford presented the OGC report to the Board.

There is not any current legislation to be presented to the Council.

Ms. Lanford advised the Board that the Council for Hearing Instrument Specialists conducted a rulemaking hearing on June 26, 2014, regarding the removal of an exam fee; and these rules are currently at the Attorney General's office awaiting approval.

The Office of General Counsel has three (3) open cases. There are 2 consent orders and no agreed orders to be presented to the Council.

Ms. Lanford presented a Consent Order to the Board for Catelin Powell, Audiologist. Dr. Powell previously appeared before the Board, due to working as an Audiology Clinical Extern while unregistered. At that previous meeting, the Board issued a Consent Order and civil penalty of \$50 per month of unregistered work, for a total of \$550. Dr. Powell signed the Consent Order, and paid the civil penalty. Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby-Davis, to approve the Consent Order as presented. The motion carried.

Ms. Lanford presented a Consent Order to the Board for Lisa Phillips, Speech Pathologist. Ms. Phillips signed the Consent Order, as opposed to going to a contested case hearing. Ms. Phillips was disciplined for charging for services not rendered. Ms. Phillips agreed to revocation of her SLP license, along with a civil penalty of \$3000, plus costs. Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the Consent Order as presented. The motion carried.

Ms. Lanford then provided a brief report to the Board about the FARB Regulatory Law Seminar that she attended in October.

### **Investigative Report**

Nichelle Dorroh, from the Office of Investigations advised the Council that there are currently no new cases for Speech Pathology or Audiology, with four (4) SLP cases in the field, and no Audiology cases in the field. There is one (1) SLP case currently in the second review.

Ms. Dorroh also advised the Board that an audit is being conducted to ensure compliance.

### **Financial Report**

Lisa Tittle, representing the financial department, presented the financial report to the Board.

### **Administrative Report**

Ms. Wilkins took a moment to introduce LaTonya Shelton to the Board. Ms. Shelton will be a point of contact between Ms. Wilkins and the licensing techs within the unit.

Mr. Custer presented Administrator's reports to the Board, for both August 5, 2014 and December 9, 2014.

Mr. Custer provided the Board with an overview summary report regarding application processing as it related to the summer backlog. Mr. Custer advised the Board that he had received 323 new applications and 58 reinstatements since June 1, 2014. Mr. Custer advised that these numbers were higher than normal, due to the massive influx of applications coming in from the contract agencies working with the school SLP's. Mr. Custer also advised the Board that these numbers represented just this Board, and did not take into consideration the other Boards that he was responsible for.

### **New Licenses**

Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby-Davis, to approve the following new applications for SLP, AUD, and SLPA. The motion carried.

**SPEECH:**

Adlin	Stephanie	5358	Lowry	Loren	5093
Arwood	Kathleen	5039	Matthias	Kristine	5349
Atkins	Michelle	5300	McKelroy	Rachel	5035
Bagwell	Sherry	5193	Miles	Kimberly	5395
Bailey	Ashley	5347	Mills	Donna	4000
Battles	Cornelia	5212	Murphy	Lacee	5135
Bennett	Christina	5173	Nanney	Hali	5363
Bergset-Miers	Amy	5354	Odom	Tanya	5051
Berne	Candace	5091	Owens	Kelli	5147
Berryman	Brooke	5286	Owens	Megan	4997
Best	Brock	5157	Palenzuela	Sarah	3737
Billings	Jessica	5074	Parsons	Rachael	4129
Blackburn	Rachel	4952	Phillips	Meghan	5133
Bolton	Rhonda	5187	Plosser	Mary	5087
Boyd	Katherine	5350	Pogue	Jessica	5411
Brown	Lindsey	5031	Pope	Rachael	5389
Browning	Kylie	5105	Powell	Brooke	5109
Bruce	Carla	5360	Pugh	Jenna	5131
Bryant	Maghan	5052	Quinn	Emily	5390
Bynum	Samantha	4883	Ray	Kelly	5449
Campagna	Ashlynn	5387	Reames	Stacy	5281
Campbell	Eva	5391	Reed	Hannah	5130
Carroll	Whitney	5076	Rhodes	Mary	3587
Collins	Kristen	5120	Roberson	Caroline	5153
Connell	Charlotte	4658	Robinson	Martha	5403
Corum	Jeannette	5357	Russell	Kendall	568
Coyle	Erica	5393	Scott	Katherine	5034
Currie	Megan	5336	Sharits	Jennifer	5361
Daugherty	Suzanne	5396	Shaw	Leslie	5450
DeLancey	Erin	4389	Sigman	Marley	5368
Delzer	Amelie	5402	Sinas	Kathryn	5340
DeSutter	Kayla	5382	Siniard	Elizabeth	5221
Dhom	Melinda	5381	Smith	Jessi	5401
Edgar	Rebekah	5061	Smith	Rachel	5318
Forcina	Debra	5352	Snell	Chelsea	4596
Gibbs	Kelle	5337	Spurlock	Lynda	5404
Giglio	Kathryn	5053	Stafford	Julie	5383
Gray	Summer	5156	Stevenson	Brittany	5299
Haller	Kristin	5094	Stewart	Colleen	5392
Heiniger	Anne	5059	Strauss	Danielle	5038
Heninger	Hannah	5148	Stutes	Renee	5339
Housley	Honna	5445	Swadener	Erika	5410
Houze-Evans	Pamela	5406	Tallent	Jessica	5054
Jackson	Adrienne	5446	Taylor	Marteena	4376

Jackson	Anna	5078	Topp	Jacquelyn	5014
Jeffers	Jessica	5032	Touchet	Heather	5123
Johns	Shannon	5150	Troy	Christen	5364
Jordan	D'Juaniele	5447	Vaccaro	Lauren	5175
Kanna	Rhoda	5385	Vanelli	Dominique	5441
Kavanaugh	Erin	5342	Vaughan	Christian	5171
Keen	Jessica	5394	Vergo	Rebecca	5338
Kennedy	Beth	5398	Wachauf	Kimberly	5144
Kennedy	JoBeth	5164	Waldron	Hannah	5089
Keys	Rachel	5448	Watson	James	5388
Kiser	Mark	5353	Weiss	Erin	5348
Lancaster	Ellen	5268	Welles	Kelly	5356
Leonard	Alexandra	5170	Whitwell	Vicki	5240
Leslie	Sherri	5288	Wolfe	Rachel	5080
Livesay	Anna	5055	Yaffe	Demi	5132
Long	Helen	5365	Zoch	Stephanie	5457

### **AUDIOLOGY:**

Bradford	Kalyn	1663	King	Sarah	1718
Davis	Hilary	1672	McNiece	Caleb	1670
Day	Brittany	1719	Mosley	Lauren	1708
Diedesch	Anna	1713	Nadeau	Jalene	1714
Dudney	Lydia	1660	Powell	Catelin	1704
Easterday	Mary	1721	Reilly	Katelyn	1717
Fry	Anna	1716	Smith	William	1705
Hedrick	Mark	1703	Wind	Caroline	1657
Johnson	Misty	1706			

### **SLPA:**

Bonner	Linda	393	Hannah	Mary	450
Bricault	Meredith	426	Ketron	Emilee	455
Earhart	Monica	456	Prass	Margaret	457
Ferguson	Brandi	448	Seiber	Candice	445
Garcia	Tanedys	446	West	Mallory	451
Hale	John	295			

### **Reinstatements**

Ms. Crosby-Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the following reinstated licenses for SLP. The motion carried.

Allen	Sherri	2247	Jacobs	Rebecca	3389
Boles	Amy	1202	Jenkins	Nicole	4147

Bridenstine	Sydney	4146	Kiefer	Marlene	394
Donels	Emily	2728	Marotti	Abby	3041
Eubanks	Martha	3799	Martin	Cathryn	529
Gray	Rebecca	2859	Minarchan	Belinda	2671
Harrison	Kimberly	4639	Pemberton	Chandler	4213
Harvey	Jennifer	3845	Wark	Nancy	345
Hatcher	Colleen	1473			

### **Agreed Citations**

The Board reviewed an agreed citation for Nancy Wark, issued for violating the lapsed license policy. Ms. Wark worked for four (4) months beyond the policy limit of three (3) months. Per the lapsed license policy, Ms. Wark was issued an agreed citation and civil penalty in the amount of \$100 per month worked, for a total of \$400. Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby-Davis, to approve the agreed citation as presented. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed an agreed citation for Christina Block, issued for violating the lapsed license policy. Ms. Block worked for sixteen (16) months beyond the policy limit of three (3) months. Per the lapsed license policy, Ms. Block was issued an agreed citation and civil penalty in the amount of \$100 per month worked, for a total of \$1600. Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the agreed citation as presented. The motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

The Board reviewed correspondence from the American Board of Audiology, regarding preceptor needs. Mr. Custer advised the Board that this was informational only, and required no action from the Board.

The Board revisited correspondence from Stellar Therapy Services, regarding SLPA and Telepractice. Holly Christopher from Stellar Therapy spoke to the Board, as did Alicia Stewart from PCG regarding this issue. After much discussion, Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to create a task force study committee to determine how virtual supervision could relate to direct supervision for SLPA and even CFY. The task force will partner with the Department of Education on this topic. The motion carried.

### **Review of Current Rules and Updating Wording**

Ms. Lanford presented the Board with several rules that may need some amendments to the wording, due to various issues that have been brought to the attention of the administrative staff.

- Ms. Lanford advised the Board that, while the Jurisprudence exam is listed in previous meeting minutes, it never made it into the Board rules. This came from a question of the requirement of the exam. Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby-Davis, to approve a rulemaking hearing to add the Jurisprudence exam into the rules. Ms. Lanford will draft the language and present it to the Board at the next meeting. The motion carried.
- Ms. Lanford clarified to the Board that the ASHA certification is considered primary source verification, and therefore cannot be submitted from the applicant, but from ASHA directly.
- Ms. Lanford advised the Board that there is some conflicting language between Rule 1370-01-.04 and Rule 1370-01-.06; and that this language should be clarified as to the

requirements set forth by the Board for a new application, and clarifying the different application methods. Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn, to allow Ms. Lanford to draft the proper language, and to include this change in the rulemaking hearing for the Jurisprudence exam. The motion carried.

- Ms. Lanford inquired of the Board the proper process for extending a Clinical Fellowship, and what constitutes as an "extenuating circumstance", as there has been some confusion recently.
- Ms. Lanford asked the Board to amend the language detailing the required letter of recommendation. Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby-Davis, to allow Ms. Lanford to draft some language and present it at the next meeting. The motion carried.
- Mr. Custer asked the Board to consider changing the supervision requirements for SLPA to match CFY. He reminded the Board that this had been put on hold at a previous meeting, due to waiting for ASHA's new guidelines to be published. Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn to have Ms. Lanford draft the appropriate language. The motion carried.

### **Discuss New Requirements for School SLPs to Obtain Health License**

The Board entertained a question and answer discussion with Stellar Therapy and PCG on the new push for school SLP's and obtain the Board license. The Board is looking to gain an understanding of this new policy, and where the push was started. Mr. Custer advised the Board that he had sent a letter to the director of TennCare, who declined to attend the meeting, stating that TennCare has not implemented new requirements of school SLPs. Melissa Christopher and Holly Christopher spoke from Stellar Therapy. Alicia Stewart and Sara Nazir spoke from PCG. The Board also heard comments from John Williams, representing TAASLP. The discussion also included how Stellar Therapy and PCG assists with applications and getting SLPs licensed, as well as the agency's responsibility in maintaining the license after approval.

### **New Business**

Ms. Harmon wanted to revisit the application processing and the timeframes associated with that processing. Ms. Wilkins advised the Board of the unit staffing issues over the summer, and advised that Mr. Custer had taken on additional Boards at that time, and that additional workload impacted the application processing.

John Williams, representing TAASLP, inquired about the new committee for the Applied Behavior Analysts, and the status of that committee. A brief discussion was held on the crossover and overlap between SLP and the ABA profession.

### **Adjourn**

With no other Board business to conduct, Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Crosby-Davis, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

***Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences on May 5, 2015***