

North Dakota
State Board of Examiners
on
Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

Special Meeting Minutes

Date: August 29th 2022

Time: 12:00pm

Location: This meeting occurred solely through remote means by use of the following: +1 (571) 317-3112 access code: 671-057-605

The North Dakota State Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology held a Special Board Meeting on August 29th 2022.

I. Call to Order

Robyn Zeltinger, President Presiding

Erin Holt, Licensing Secretary

Amber Fox, Treasurer

Matthew Miller

Courtney Olson

Dave Schaibley, AAG

Brian Barrett, Board Management

II. NCSB Annual Conference Oct 13-15 2022

Board reviewed the conference agenda.

Board discussed benefits of a couple members attending.

Robyn Zeltinger and Amber Fox indicated that they are interested in attending.

Robyn Zeltinger: Motion to send herself and Amber Fox to the NCSB Conference

Matthew Miller: 2nd the motion

Vote: All Aye

III. Governor's Executive Order

A. Red Tape Reduction Working Group

Board discussed executive order with AAG, Dave Schaibley

Amber Fox volunteered to submit information concerning some Administrative Rule changes that the Board agreed to this summer. The rule changes include the following:

- *Notarization removal on an application*
- * Language giving the Board authority to broaden reciprocity*
- * Sending renewal notices via email vs mail.*
- * Eliminating language regarding a late fee*

Robyn Zeltinger: Motion to name Amber Fox as the Board's Red Tape Officer.

Courtney Johnson: 2nd the motion.

Vote: All Aye

Amber will report changes, notifications to Brian so he can forward to the Board.

IV. Questions

A. From Ann Albrecht:

First we are in a very critical need for therapists and have not been able to get even applications. We have a person applying who has a bachelor's degree in a different area and has completed the Post-back (I think this is the correct term) program to get into graduate SLP school. When they do this, they don't get a 4 year SLP degree, they just get a certification. I have not had the chance to totally look at her transcripts but I am wondering if I can talk with either the licensure secretary or the president of the board to discuss whether there are any options for appealing this for licensure as an SLPLA. We actually have another person in this situation but she is still working on the certification.

The Board decided to address this question during the October 2022 regular Board meeting

B. From Cindy Sponheim

- 1. What counts as an acceptable internship? Are there certain areas of speech therapy or activities that need to be part of the experience? Should it include experience in school and clinical settings? Children and/or adults?**
- 2. Does the supervising SLP have to be North Dakota licensed or can they be MT licensed? Do they have to have a certain number of years of experience to supervise the internship?**
- 3. Can the 100 hours be done in Montana or do they have to be done in North Dakota? I teach preschool at Richey Elementary School in Richey, Montana. I have asked the SLP who services our**

school if I could do an internship under her with the students who receive speech services. If she is agreeable, would this be an acceptable internship?

4. Does an internship plan need to be submitted before it starts? Do any progress reports need to be submitted to the Board of Examiners?

The Board reviewed the questions and agreed to the answers below:

Response to #1: The Board's expectation regarding an internship should be comparable to those outlined by ASHA standards. Since there is no identifier for clinical setting, it can be a school. Also, it is not population specific.

Response to #2: The SLP can be licensed in ND or MT. Regarding years of experience, it is the Board's expectation that experience is comparable to that indicated in the ASHA standards.

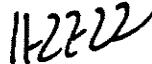
Response to #3. Clinical hours can be done outside of ND and you can complete an internship with the SLP who services your school.

Response to # 4. An internship does not need to be submitted before it starts. Progress notes do not need to be submitted.

V. Adjourn 12:42pm



Dr. Marin Almer-Recording Secretary



Date

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