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State Board of Examiners

on

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

Meeting Minutes

The North Dakota State Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology will hold a regular board meeting on Friday April 29th 2022.

Date: April 29th 2022

Time: 12:30pm

Location: APT, Inc

2900 E. Broadway Ave Suite #2

Bismarck, ND 58501

Remote Access: 1(571)317-3112 Access Code 628-603-365

I. Call to Order 12:34pm

Amanda Leddige-presiding president Robyn Zeltinger-Licensing Secretary Amber Fox-Treasurer Erin Holt Marin Almer Courtney Olson Matthew Miller Danielle Landreville Dave Schaibley-AAG Brian Barrett-APT

II. Presentation

A. Susan Adams & Janet Deppe (from ASHA)

1. Changes in ND licenses

Clinical Fellowship discussion

a). Janet Deppe

ND and Nevada. Only that don't have a 9 month fellowship requirement Limit their ability to practice other states.

Allows them to work and learn from experienced professional-main reason for change.

ASHA compact requirement: States to require a clinical fellowship.

Clinical or fellowship temp license would need to be implemented.

b). Susan Adams

Nevada-required the ASHA membership or CCC's CF mentor. In-person should not be a barrier.

2. Interstate Compacts-Susan Adams

a.) It was communicated to the Board that the state needs to require the CF to join the compact

Dave Schaibley relayed the following information: The ND supreme court has recently ruled on the issue that only the legislature can make laws. Compacts indicate that the commission has the duty to authority and obligation to pass rules for the compact and they have the force and effect of law. The ND Supreme Court says our legislature and nobody else can make the laws. The legislature can't even delegate it to the subsets of themselves. Therefore, an outside entity such as a commission cannot make ND laws.

Dave to forward information regarding the supreme court to Susan Adams, Janet Deppe. Brian to provide the email address for Dave

Kitsy Radermacher: Explained that compacts would allow practice in other states and hold ND to a higher standard.

b) Susan Adams on Compact

State licenses would still exist.

Would give the privilege of practicing in other states, including telehealth Improve access to care issues.

Eliminates some of the barriers to practicing in a pandemic without delay.

An SLP and audiologist is appointed to the commission.

"Quasi government agency" to protect the public and expand cooperation among the states. Requires Clinical Fellowship

States can charge a fee for the compact privilege (but only if in the ND Century Code) There will be cost involved at the state level.

The ND SLP Association will forward a letter to the Board in the near future.

III. Meeting Minute Review

1. January 28th 2022 Regular Board Meeting minute review/approval.

Matthew Miller: motion to approve the minutes

Amanda Leddige: 2nd the motion

All Ave

2. April 7th 2022 Special Meeting minute review/approval

Amanda Leddige: Motion to approve Robyn Zeltinger: 2nd the motion

All Aye

IV. Board management/ APT Contract

Amanda Leddige: Explained the Board needs to either move forward with APT or get quotes from Other venders as the APT contract expired on June 30th.

It was decided that Amanda will work on updating the PA and work on getting it set to Chad in procurement. She will be reaching out to Bill to clarify some updated information, numbers.

Board requested information from Brian to see if there is anything he is doing that is not in the current contract? Brian will review the PA and provide this information.

V. Financial

- A. Treasure Report
 - 1. Analysis of Revenue and Expense
 - 2. Balance Sheet
 - 3. July 2021 March 2022 Profit and Loss

Amanda Leddige: Motion to approve the treasurer report Robyn Zeltinger:2nd the motion to approve treasurer report All Aye.

VI. Applications-Licensure Secretary Report

A. Applications approved under Chair authority include:

Beth Germolus, SLP #2042 Aniket Saoji, Aud, #2043 Kelly Rosenau, SLP # 2044 Kelli Till, SLP #2045 Lisa Roethel, SLP #2046 Anita O'Conner-Morgan, SLP #2047 Abigail Moeller, SLP #2048 Ashland Johnson, SLP #2049 Hannah Reeg, Aud #2050 Christine Haynes, Aud #2051 Richi Peer, SLP #2052 Lisa Kindred, SLP #2053 Shani Ferry, SLP #2054 Heather Schultz, #2055 Kelli Warner, Aud #2056 Alycia Moll, SLP #2058 Chelsea Tillman, SLP #2060

Carmen Goetz, SLP #2062 Fiona Goodell, SIP #2064

Amanda Leddige: Motion to ratify the applications approved under the Licensing Secretary authority.

Courtney Olson: 2nd the motion

All Aye.

B. Applicant Review

- 1. Hannah Rasmussen-Application for Re-licensure
 - a). Billing Medicaid while unlicensed (see attached letter)

Board discussed application with Assistant Attorney General, Dave Schaibley.

Amanda Leddige: Motion to grant re-licensure with a "letter of concern" to Hannah Rassmussen Robyn 2^{nd} the motion

All Aye.

Board requested Brian to send Ms. Rassmssen a letter of concern with re-licensure information.

2. Britteny Wolf-Applying through reciprocity with NY (see attached NY laws).

Dave Schaibley advised the Board that the NY Laws are substantially similar to ND.

Brian advised that the applicant's graduate and undergraduate transcripts were also received.

Amanda Leddige: Made the motion to grant Brittney Wolf a license to practice.

Courntey Olson: 2nd the motion

All Aye.

3. Kristina Carey re-licensure application-Military, supplied orders, discuss waiving the application Fee

a.) Board discussed with Assistant Attorney General, Dave Schaibley:

Dave Schaibley advised that, per 43-51-11.1 (2), only provisional or Temporary fees are waived.

- b). Board concluded that provisional or a temporary license does not apply in this case.
- c.) Applicant advised through email that she is sending the \$250 re-licensure payment.

Amanda Leddige: Motion to approve licensure for Kristina Carey once \$250 is received. Robyn Zeltinger: 2^{nd} the motion

All Ave.

4. Nicole Jones-Reciprocity with NM

a). Assistant Attorney General, Dave Shaibley reviewed 2002 New Mexico license and compared them to North Dakota's 2002 laws/rules as they pertain to Speech-Language Pathology. Dave advised that the laws are substantially similar.

Amanda Leddige: Made the motion to grant Nicole Jones a license

Courtney Olson: 2nd the motion

All Aye.

C. Applicant Discussion

- 1. Kelly Rosenau-Received license on 1/28/2022 per Board-Board requested Additional information from licensee.
 - a.) Billing Medicaid while unlicensed (see attached letter)

Board reviewed and discussed Kelly Rosenau's communication.
Requested a letter be sent advising that she has an ethical responsibility to notify her employer and Medicaid

VI. Old Business

A. Administrative Rules & Changes

- 1. Tentative Timeline for Rule Making (see attachment)
 - a). Board discussed steps necessary to change Administrative Rules
 - 1). drafting the rules-send to academia and stakeholders for thoughts
 - 2). Board votes on rules.
 - 3.) Create documents that get published in all newspapers. Public hearing in 20 days for public input. Then another 10 days for implement this and have another meeting.
 - 4.) Present to Administrative Rules Committee
 - b.). The Board will attempt to present rule changes to the legislative committee in December of 2022

Brian will send out updated information on the proposed changes to the Administrative Rules as discussed by the Board.

Board requested that Brian attempt to set up a special meeting to finalize the Administrative rules change proposal.

2. Public input - Shared by Amber Fox

a). Kelli Ellenbaum input concerning SLPLA Scope of Practice presented by Amber Fox

We, over the years, always talk about how we would like SLPLAs to function more like COTAs The main differences are: -COTAs can do progress notes on their own AND administer formal assessments (once signed off by supervisor on competency)

One of the big hurdles with SLPLAs at Red Door is that their paperwork has to be done by an SLP The other is that whenever a patient on the SLPLA's schedule needs a re-eval we have to do slide overs and swapping of patients to get that done.

Amber Fox will review Cota's scope of practice and compare to SLPLAs.
SLPLA Scope of Practice can be reviewed in the Special Meeting once set up by Brian

B. SLPLA Topics

1. SLPLA Supervision Tracking Sheet

Amber Fox designed an SLPLA Tracking sheet which was shared with the Board. This was Inspired after correspondence with SLPLA's about supervision plans, they requested an example.

Amber Fox will make a copy of the SLPLA Tracking Sheet and have it placed on the website.

- C. New Board email established as requested in the October 22nd 2021 Regular Board meeting.
 - 1. Move new email ndsbeaudslp@nd.gov to the website?
 - 2. Gmail account is 76% full. Should this be deleted?

Board discussed current email on the Gmail account.

Explored ways to save emails on the Gmail account.

- Put an "out of office" message and the new email address.
- -Explore if there is an option of forwarding Gmail to nd.gov

VII. New Business

1. FEES Requirements and Competencies

Courtney Olson discussed FEES requirements with the Board (states having specific scope of practice regarding FEES, some states require specific training, some have under supervision of a MD).

Board discussed if this would be beneficial during the rules change discussion.

Board decided that they need to look investigate this further. Courtney will send out information from ASHA as it pertains to this topic.

2. Invoice Review from Albertson Consulting (Big Picture)

a). Final Retainage invoice \$4,892.50

Board approved as it is in-line with the PA Agreement.

b.) \$2,500 support invoice

Need to know if this is the annual fee or monthly fee?

Board was under the impression that this was an annual fee. Invoice indicates April-May.

Brian will reach out to Albertson's for clarification. If this is annual, it can be paid.

3. ASHA-Board of Ethics complaint-James Fletcher Scott

- a). Board reviewed the ASHA Ethics complaint # BE21-050 Scott

 Determined James Fletcher Scott's ND license expired on 12/31/2021
- b). Board decided to send Mr. Scott a letter requesting additional information about this. Dave Schaibley will provide Brian language to be used in this letter.

4. Board members and final term

a). Amanda Leddige: Final term ends June 30th. She has reached out to a couple other Audiologists but they declined. Amanda indicated she will contact another Audiologist who might be interested.

Matthew Miller: Final term ends June 30th. He will reach out to a fellow Otolaryngologist about applying for a Board position.

Dave Schaibley indicated all Board applications need to be submitted using the Governor's website. Also mentioned that Karen Jacobus was once interested. Amanda Leddige will reach out to her.

b). Robyn Zeltinger will now take over as Board President. Regarding the PA agreement, Amanda will reach out to Robyn and conclude the process.

VII. Adjourn 3:44

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Erin Holt-Recording Secretary

Date

Where noted, the discussion of some of the above topics may be held in executive session rather than during the portion of the meeting that is open to the public. If this is a regular meeting, additional topics may be discussed. If this is a special or emergency meeting, the governing body's discussion will be limited to the topics and executive sessions listed above. If so, include: (may require Executive Session per NDCC 44-04-19.1(2) due to possible need for attorney consultation)