

## **BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**

Professional and Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

### MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by §92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

Date: November 1, 2013

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Kristine M. Takekawa, AuD, Audiologist, Chairperson  
Shari Goo-Yoshino, Speech Pathologist, Vice Chairperson  
Anne M. Horner, Speech Pathologist, Member  
Valery O'Brien, Member  
June Uyehara-Isono, Audiologist, Member  
Candace Ito, Executive Officer  
Ahlani K. Quogue, Executive Officer  
Shari J. Wong, Deputy Attorney General  
Faith Nishimura, Secretary

Guest: Katie O'Brien

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Takekawa at 2:36 p.m.

Election of Officers: The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Chairperson. Dr. Takekawa volunteered to serve as Chairperson. Dr. Takekawa was elected Chairperson by acclamation.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson. Dr. Takekawa nominated Ms. Horner as Vice Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Goo-Yoshino. There were no other nominations for Vice Chairperson. Ms. Horner was elected Vice Chairperson by acclamation.

Approval of  
May 3, 2013  
Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Ms. Horner, seconded by Dr. Uyehara-Isono, and unanimously carried to approve the May 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes as circulated.

Approval of  
August 2, 2013  
Meeting Minutes:

Not applicable. The composition of the Board as required by HRS §468E-6 was not satisfied.

RICO Speech  
Pathology and  
Audiology Advisory  
Committee:

RICO requests that the Board review and approve RICO's Speech Pathology and Audiology Advisory Committee list, effective January 1, 2014. It was moved by Ms. Horner, seconded by Dr. Uyehara-Isono, and unanimously carried to approve Shannon Y. Ching, Dorothy D. Craven, Peggy Failla, Janice M. Hellreich, Lorna K. Hu, Michael K. Miyamura, and Jonna D. Zane to serve on the 2014 RICO Speech Pathology and Audiology Advisory Committee and to acknowledge that the RICO Speech and Audiology Advisory Committee list also includes any additional interim appointees that RICO deems necessary to aid in its investigations.

Practice of  
Audiology and  
Hearing Aid Fitting  
and Dispensing:

The Executive Officer related that she received an inquiry from Christine Rutkowski, Executive Officer of the Hearing Aid Dealer and Fitter Program ("HADF"). Ms. Rutkowski recently received applications from audiologists whose out of state audiologist licenses permit those audiologists to dispense hearing aids in the states that issued the audiology licenses. Hawaii's requirements for a HADF license are a high school diploma and successful completion of a national examination. Thus, audiologists in Hawaii must still take the required HADF exam and meet the licensure requirements of Chapter 451A, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), and Chapter 16-83, Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR"), to be licensed to dispense hearing aids in Hawaii. Ms. Rutkowski inquired if the Board had discussed whether the sale or practice of dealing and fitting of hearing aids are within the scope of an audiologist. The following materials were distributed to the members:

- HRS chapter 451A - Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters and HAR chapter 16-83;
- The International Licensing Examination for Hearing Healthcare Professionals - Study Guide;
- Praxis Study Companion for the Audiology Examination;
- ASHA 2012 Certification Standards in Audiology; and
- ASHA 2007 Certification Standards in Audiology.

The Executive Officer related that currently 33 states permit hearing aid dispensing with an audiologist license. After discussion, the Board came to a consensus that the practice of dealing and fitting of hearing aids is within an audiologist's scope of practice; the requirements for a hearing aid dealer and fitter license are encompassed in the education, training, and examination for an audiology license; and that HRS §451A-18 should be amended to exempt audiologists from the requirements of HRS chapter 451A.

It was moved by Dr. Uyehara-Isono, seconded by Ms. Horner, and unanimously carried to support legislation with the intent of allowing licensed audiologists to engage in the sale or practice of dealing and fitting of hearing aids without obtaining a separate hearing aid dealer and fitter license.

Additions/Revisions to the Agenda: It was moved by Dr. Uyehara-Isono, seconded by Dr. Takekawa, and unanimously carried to add the following matter to agenda item 12:

- a. Licensure
  - iv. Denise L. Eilers

New Business: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

Hawaii Administrative Rules: The Executive Officer informed the Board members that the proposed amendments to Chapter 16-100 Hawaii Administrative Rules were approved by the Governor and became effective on May 23, 2013.

Announcements: The Executive Officer introduced Ahlani K. Quiogue to members. Effective January 1, 2014, Ms. Quiogue will be the Executive Officer of the Board.

Applications:

- a. Licensure
  - i. Annabel P. Anae

The Board reviewed and discussed the application of Annabel P. Anae.

Dr. Takekawa and Dr. Uyehara-Isono disclosed that they are acquaintances of Annabel P. Anae. DAG Wong stated that they can take official action on Ms. Anae's application as long as they can be fair and impartial. Dr. Takekawa stated that she could be fair and impartial. Dr. Uyehara-Isono stated that she could be fair and impartial.

Ms. Anae was previously licensed as an audiologist in Hawaii from September 12, 1984 through December 31, 1987. She did not renew her audiologist license; therefore she is required to apply as a new applicant according to current laws.

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Uyehara-Isono, seconded by Ms. Goo-Yoshino, and unanimously carried to approve the audiologist application of Annabel P. Anae because she satisfied the requirements of HAR section 16-100-20(c)(1) by providing copies of her records from the State of California Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispenser Board license files.

ii. Cori N. Sutter

The Board reviewed the application of Cori N. Sutter.

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Uyehara-Isono, seconded by Ms. Goo-Yoshino, and unanimously carried to defer the speech pathologist application of Cori N. Sutter pursuant to HAR §§ 16-100-16 and 16-100-20(c) and (d). Ms. Sutter must provide documentation of her hours of supervised clinical observation and clinical practicum on the forms provided by the Board and a letter from the Program Director of the University of Hawaii Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders stating that her Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders degree was formerly known as the Master of Science in Speech Pathology degree.

iii. Jessica D. Petty

The Board reviewed the application of Jessica D. Petty.

The applicant answered "yes" to the question 4 on the application.

Board members reviewed the applicant's explanation and related documents which showed that the applicant was sentenced to and completed community supervision. After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Uyehara-Isono, seconded by Ms. Horner, and unanimously carried to approve Ms. Petty's speech pathologist application for licensure.

iv. Denise L. Eilers

The Board reviewed Denise L. Eilers' application for speech pathologist license by examination. After discussion, the Board came to a consensus that Ms. Eilers' application is incomplete because the requirements of Hawaii Administrative Rules section 16-100-20(e) have not been met.

It was moved by Ms. Goo-Yoshino, seconded by Ms. Horner, and unanimously carried to delegate to the Executive Officer the authority to approve Ms. Eilers' application upon receipt of evidence of successful passage of the Praxis II Specialty Area Test in Speech-Language Pathology.

b. Ratifications

It was moved by Dr. Uyehara-Isono, seconded by Ms. Goo-Yoshino, and unanimously carried to ratify the applications for licensure of the following individuals:

SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS

<u>License #</u>	<u>Name</u>
SP 1298	CAMPBELL, Lindsey M.
SP 1299	SYLVIA, Anna-Joy
SP 1300	LEYBA, Leslie L.
SP 1301	MUTCH, Jill N.
SP 1302	SULLIVAN, Katie L.
SP 1303	TEMPLIN, Megan E.
SP 1304	KEMP, Haley M.
SP 1305	GRAUERHOLZ, Kelsey A.
SP 1306	LILLY, Kristen E.
SP 1307	FUJII, Chikako
SP 1308	CARDEN, Eileen A.
SP 1309	CHAVEZ, Margarita

SP 1310	CARLSON, Jennifer T.
SP 1311	ROBINSON, Stephanie M.
SP 1312	FRIAR, Eleanor V.
SP 1313	FARRELL, Erin A.
SP 1314	ALLAGONEZ, Joanne D.
SP 1315	KUROSUMI, Greyden-Kiyoshi
SP 1316	NAKAKURA, Summer Y.
SP 1317	PREBOR, Jessica A.
SP 1318	HUDUMAK, Nataliya
SP 1319	MOORE, Rachelle K.
SP 1320	SEVICK, Megan R.
SP 1321	OSBORNE, Paul G.
SP 1322	SILLO, Janell
SP 1323	CHANG-SAY, Ai-Mee A.
SP 1324	OPENSHAW, Christine D.
SP 1325	AHN, Lisa
SP 1326	CULLEN, Amy M.
SP 1327	KALCHIK, Aimee
SP 1328	MALONE, Kathleen M.
SP 1329	SEBENS, Margaret H.
SP 1330	BAGWELL, Ashley E.
SP 1331	THORNBERRY, Nickel
SP 1332	JENNINGS, Christina D.
SP 1333	SHARIF, Margan
SP 1334	DUDEK, Hanarac
SP 1335	BRADSHAW, Emily
SP 1336	STILLWELL, Emily R.
SP 1337	BIGORNIA, Jessica A

AUDIOLOGISTS

<u>License #</u>	<u>Name</u>
AUD 145	SIMONS, Sarah A.

Correspondence: a. Email dated May 11, 2013 from Samantha Coppa regarding the practice of audiology in Hawaii

The Board reviewed and discussed the May 11, 2013 email from Ms. Coppa regarding whether audiologists are allowed to perform (1) surgical monitoring of sensory and motor nerve function and (2) auditory habilitation and rehabilitation services, vestibular

rehabilitation services, and canalith repositioning for Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo ("BPPV").

The Board was not familiar with the term "sensory and motor nerve function". The Board was more familiar with the term "auditory sensory nerve function" and discussed whether audiologists are allowed to perform surgical monitoring of this function.

The Board clarified that auditory monitoring during surgery shows whether the auditory nerve is transmitting auditory signals to the brain. The monitoring can be used to determine cochlear implant function. The Board also clarified that BPPV is dizziness caused when particles become dislodged within the semicircular canals of the cochlea (structures of the ear). Canalith repositioning is a treatment that may be used to alleviate the effects of BPPV.

With regards to the term "auditory sensory nerve function," the Board came to a consensus that the scope of practice of audiology is encompassing, and specific education and training is necessary to perform surgical monitoring of "auditory sensory nerve function". It is incumbent upon audiologists who want to perform (1) surgical monitoring of "auditory sensory nerve function" and (2) auditory habilitation and rehabilitation services, vestibular rehabilitation services, and canalith repositioning for BPPV, to have the appropriate training, education, and clinical experience before offering to perform, performing the procedure, or both.

Next Meeting  
Date:

Friday, February 14, 2014  
2:30 p.m.  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Faith Nishimura  
Faith Nishimura  
Secretary

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Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Candace Ito \_\_\_\_\_  
Candace Ito  
Executive Officer

Cl:fn

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- Minutes approved as is.  
 Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.