

BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS

Minutes of February 27, 2001 Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gilbert Poliquin established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Members Present: Sallie Chisholm; Linda Snow, Complaint Officer: Robert Bruder, Public Member Gilbert Poliquin, Chairperson; Wanda Creed,

Members Absent: Dawn Dufkin Britt George M. Davis, Jr., Public Member

Others Present: Dennis Smith, AAG; Elaine Thibodeau, Board Administrator; and Jackie Thibodeau, Board Clerk

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 19, 2000 MINUTES

Sallie Chisholm moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Robert Bruder. Vote: Favor-5 Opposed-0.

REVIEW ORAL EXAM

The oral exam was reviewed and recommended changes will be reviewed at the April meeting.

REVIEW DRAFT LETTER REQUESTING PRE-APPROVAL OF CEUS NOT NIHIS CERTIFIED

Robert Bruder motioned to approved the letter as revised. Seconded by: Wanda Creed. *Vote: Favor-5 Opposed-0.*

MISCELLANEOUS

Sallie Chisholm motioned to allow Linda Snow to verify the termination of the primary individual responsible for dispensing at H.E.A.R., Inc. and report the findings to Dennis Smith, AAG who is authorized by the board to send a letter notifying them of a violation of 1658A-2. Seconded by: Wanda Creed. *Vote: Favor-5 Opposed-0.*

ADMINISTRATORS' COMMENTARY

Elaine distributed the proposed rules adopted the previous day by the Board of Examiners on Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology. The Scope of Practice component (Chapter 5), §2 (Audiology) -G specifies, in relevant part, "Hearing Aids may only be dispensed with the required Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters license."

Elaine discussed:

- impending changes to the complaint presentation protocol, in which written material presented for the Board's consideration will no longer be redacted.
- the Freedom of Access law, which states that all information provided to us on an application is public, except for the social security number. A notice to this effect is being included with application materials and posted on the website.
- the budget; the monthly analysis report format is being changed from Excel to Access, and data is being transposed, albeit imperfectly; consequently, she is holding the reports for

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- distribution until the errors have been resolved. However, we believe the available cash balance as of 1/31/01 to \$5,490.46.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.
The next scheduled meeting is April 17, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Thibodeau
Board Clerk