

BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS

Minutes of April 26, 2005 Board Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Gilbert Poliquin, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Gilbert Poliquin, Robert Bruder, Wanda Creed, Dawn Dufkin-Britt, and Linda Snow.

Members Absent: Sally Chisholm.

Others Present: Dennis Smith, AAG; Penny Vaillancourt, Board Administrator; Colleen Eugley, Acting Board Clerk.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Wanda Creed made a motion to accept the minutes of March 15, 2005, as revised, seconded by Bob Bruder.

Vote: 5 In favor

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

HEA-073 – Initial Complaint Presentation

The patient filed a complaint stating she was not happy with her hearing aid and that she was having problems with her ear bleeding. She didn't notify the licensee about this until six or seven months later. The licensee refunded her the money for the hearing aid.

The Board reviewed his purchase agreement and will ask the licensee to use the statute language on his purchase agreement and include the Board address. Licensee should be signing the purchase agreements and include the dates.

His medical waiver should be a separate sheet or at least have two separate sections for signature.

There were two prior consent agreements for licensee; cases were dismissed.

Linda Snow made a motion to schedule an informal conference with the licensee to discuss possible violations of his sales/purchase agreement. Bob Bruder seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor (1 recused – Wanda Creed)

HEA-072 – Review of the revised contract. The “notice to buyer” needs to be identical to statute reference and “ear impressions and hearing evaluation” should be deleted.

Board wants the licensee to take out the lab fee on front (by shaded area) and also use the minor language from the statute instead of what is there, or take it out entirely.

Linda Snow made a motion to table final review of this contract until additional corrections are made and he re-submits to the Board. Dawn Dufkin-Britt seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor (1 recused – Wanda Creed)

B. COMPLAINT OFFICER’S REPORT

No report given this month.

C. APPLICATION REVIEW:

None.

D. CEU REQUESTS REVIEW:

No CEU requests this month.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

F. MISCELLANEOUS

Wanda Creed gave an update on the Oct. 29 seminar. Ron Tye (northeast region) will be presenting during the middle part of the session. A brief bio of the speaker will be obtained to be included in the pamphlet. Subjects will include working with seniors/testing & fitting and the purpose of the I.H.S. organization. Speaker also wants to touch on ethics. Oticon may be presenting at the seminar.

There will be discussion after June 30 (when the travel freeze is up) regarding the national seminar in Quebec this year.

Linda Snow asked status of her not seeking re-appointment and another member being appointed.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. ADMINISTRATORS Report:

Penny Vaillancourt presented the draft audit letter to go out May 1st.

Penny Vaillancourt gave the financial update and license summaries report.

Penny Vaillancourt informed the Board that Christine Bruenn was nominated for commissioner of PFR and should be confirmed within a month or two. Anne Head will then resume her normal duties as Director of OLR.

General legislative update:

LD 447 – not out of committee yet – amendment needs to be drafted.

LD 685 – tracking – waive continuing ed for deployed military personnel – status is reported out of Legal & Veterans Affairs Committee.

LD 1524- dept legislation – updated title 5 – sexual misconduct – expand board's authority to look at early convictions – being heard this Thursday or Friday.

V. ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m. Motion was made by Gil Poliquin and seconded by Dawn Dufkin-Britt.

Vote: 5 In favor

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Eugley, Acting Board Clerk