

BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
Minutes of the July 17, 2006 Board Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Cheryl Walters established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

Members Present: Cheryl Walters, Ruth Dodge, Norleen Fleming, Nancy Steeves, and Judith Flaker.

Members Absent:

Others Present: Jennifer Mooney, Board Clerk; Penny Vaillancourt, Board Administrator; and Amy Mills, Assistant Attorney General.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Action on June 19, 2006 minutes.

Motion to approve June 19, 2006 minutes was made by Nancy Steeves. The motion was seconded by Judith Flaker.

Vote: 4 in favor (1 abstained - Norleen Fleming)

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Complaint Presentation

- 2005-SPE-2022

DHHS filed a complaint against a SLP as a result of an investigation alleging the facility's failure to report an allegation of abuse.

After a review and discussion of the materials presented, the board voted to set the matter for an adjudicatory hearing citing the following violations: Principle of Ethics 1 (D) and (H) and Principle of Ethics 4 (B) and (D) of the board's rules.

In lieu of an adjudicatory hearing the board voted to offer a consent agreement to resolve the matter and will give the licensee 30 days from receipt to accept the agreement. If licensee chooses not to accept the consent agreement then an adjudicatory meeting will be scheduled.

The terms of the consent agreement are as follows: admission to two violations of professional conduct (Principle of Ethics 1 (D) and (H) and Principle of Ethics 4 (B) and (D)), a formal reprimand, probation to include limiting the licensee's practice to adults only for one year, and successfully complete 12 sessions of individual counseling to address professional boundaries with a board approved LCSW or LCPC. The board agent would file quarterly reports and a final report to the board.

The complaint officer, AAG and board administrator will meet to go over a list of pre-approved board agents (LCSWs and LCPCs) for the licensee to choose from.

Motion was made by Norleen Fleming and seconded by Cheryl Walters

Vote: 4 in favor (one recusal, Ruth Dodge).

B. Complaint Item

- SPE-2005-073

After review and discussion Judith Flaker made a motion to accept the written policy with a letter to be issued to the licensee making clear that the board's approval of the policy does not withstand any other applicable or governing laws regarding confidentiality. The motion was seconded by Nancy Steeves.

Vote: 4 in favor (one recusal, Ruth Dodge)

C. Action taken on BESPAs activity number applications: The following CEUs were acted upon:

Nancy Steeves made a motion to approve 3 CEU pre-approval requests. Ruth Dodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 in favor

D. Correspondence

E. Miscellaneous

F. Other Business

Administrator's Report:

Penny Vaillancourt provided the board with an administrator's report and financial update.

ADJOURN

Norleen Fleming made a motion to adjourn at 2:47 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ruth Dodge.

Vote: 5 in favor

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2006, at 1:00 p.m.

All regular meetings are open to members of the public for observation, but not for participation. Public hearings for rule making are open for public comment. If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Jennifer Mooney, Board Clerk, at 624-8626.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Mooney, Board Clerk