

BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
Minutes of the September 18, 2006 Board Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Cheryl Walters established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Nancy Steeves

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

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Action on July 17, 2006 minutes.

A motion to approve July 17, 2006 minutes was made by Norleen Fleming. The motion was seconded by Judith Flaker.

Vote: 4 in favor

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Complaint Presentation

2006-SPE-2761

A complaint was filed by an employer against a SLP alleging unprofessional conduct in billing for services.

After a review and discussion of the materials presented, Cheryl Walters made a motion to offer the licensee a consent agreement with the following terms: admission to the following violations: Ethics 1(J) & (L), 4(B), receive a formal censure due. If the consent agreement is not signed within 30 days of the offer – then the matter will be set for an adjudicatory hearing. The motion was seconded by Norleen Fleming.

Vote: 3 in favor – 1 recusal (Ruth Dodge)

B. Complaint Item2005-SPE-2022

The board considered a revised consent agreement that was offered by the licensee's attorney. After a review and discussion of the issues involved, Norleen Fleming made a motion to revise the consent agreement to include 12 months of probation with the following terms: 12 counseling sessions with a LCSW, scope of practice restricted to adults only for the first 6 months; and to self-report to the board a narrative of the clients receiving licensee's services for the remaining 6 months. The narrative is to include location of services, gender and age of client, a brief narrative of the interactions with the family member/caregiver. If the consent agreement is not signed within 30 days of the offer – then the matter will be set for an adjudicatory hearing. The motion was seconded by Judith Flaker.

Vote: 3 in favor – 1 recusal (Ruth Dodge)

C. License Application Review

- Jillian Johnson-Tripp – After review and discussion Cheryl Walters made a motion to offer a preliminary denial of her application for licensure as a SLP for failure to meet the educational and examination qualifications. The motion was seconded by Ruth Dodge.

Vote: 4 in favor

- Meredith Spiller – After review and discussion Cheryl Walters made a motion to deny her application for registration as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant based upon the findings that her education does not meet the minimum requirements. The motion was seconded by Judith Flaker.

Vote: 4 in favor

- Jane Bennett – After review and discussion Ruth Dodge made a motion to accept the submitted supervision plan effective the date it was received by the board and to notify her that she needs 1440 hours total and that she will most likely need to be renewed November 22, 2006. The motion was seconded by Norleen Fleming.

Vote: 4 in favor

D. Robin Konieczko – Review of Supervision Plan

After review and discussion Judith Flaker made a motion to accept the supervision plan for Theresa Crawford and Robin Konieczko. The motion was seconded by Cheryl Walters.

Vote: 4 in favor

E. Action taken on BESPA activity number applications: The following CEUs were acted upon:

Norleen Fleming made a motion to approve 10 CEU pre-approval requests, and to deny 2 pre-approval requests. Ruth Dodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 in favor

F. Review of CEU Audits

G. Miscellaneous

H. Other Business

Administrator's Report:

Penny Vaillancourt provided the board with a financial update, as well as an update on the Audiology work group and proposed legislation.

ADJOURN

Ruth Dodge made a motion to adjourn at 3:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Norleen Fleming.

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