

## TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

**DATE:** August 6, 2013

**TIME:** 10:00 A.M., CST

**LOCATION:** Health Related Boards  
Ground Floor, Iris Room  
227 French Landing  
Nashville, TN 37243

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lynne Harmon, M.A., CCC-SLP, Chair, Speech Pathologist  
Terri Flynn, M.S., CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist  
Whitney Mauldin, Au.D, CCA, FAAA, ABA, Audiologist  
Valerie Matlock, Ed.D, Audiologist, Audiologist

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mary Velvet Buehler, M.A., CCC-SLP/A

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alex Munderloh, Assistant General Counsel  
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director  
Charles Custer, Board Administrator

Ms. Harmon, board chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. A quorum was present. The Board decided to delay the contested case hearing, to allow for the judge's arrival.

### Minutes

Dr. Mauldin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the June 3, 2013 minutes as presented. The motion carried.

### OGC Report

There is one (1) open case in OGC, against a Speech Pathologist, a contested case to be presented to the CDS Board and there are no cases that have been appealed to the Chancery Court. There are no consent orders or agreed orders to be presented.

The rules regarding tele-communication that were approved by the Board at the last meeting are awaiting approval at the Attorney General's office.

The rules approved by the Board at last November's rule making hearing are still awaiting approval from Government Operations Committee at the end of August.

There is currently no legislation to report, as the General Assembly is not in session.

Mr. Munderloh presented a draft of language for the proposed rule change regarding new requirements for supervising Speech Language Pathologists who are supervising Clinical Fellows and Speech Language Pathology Assistants. Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mauldin, to approve the draft language as presented, and send to a rule making hearing at the next Board meeting. The motion carried.

John Williams, from TAASLP, presented information to Mr. Munderloh and the Board that the Tennessee Hearing Society is considering proposing legislation to request the separation of the Council for Hearing Instrument Specialists from the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences. Mr. Williams advising that there is nothing pending at this moment, but requested the topic be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting for open discussion.

### **Review Continuing Education**

The Board reviewed information for **Ava Adcock, SLP**. Ms. Adcock was selected in the continuing education audit, and had submitted information that the Board administrator had questions about. The concerns were presented that Ms. Adcock has practiced for nearly 30 years without any disciplinary action against her license. Ms. Adcock was present to address the Board and answer questions, and stated she was planning to retire from the profession at the end of the current school year; additionally, as the school system would be left without a speech pathologist, she does not want to retire her license at the present time. The Board gave Ms. Adcock the option to either retire her license early or be issued an agreed citation due to a deficiency of two (2) hours of continuing education. Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mauldin, to approve the presented CE. The motion carried.

### **Contested Case Hearing**

A contested case hearing was conducted against **Lisa G. Patterson, SLP, Docket #17.16-120572A**, for failure to adhere to a previous Board order to report for evaluation of substance abuse issues. Judge Mary Collier presided. The hearing commenced at 10:41. After hearing preliminary evidence and testimony regarding the multiple service attempts to advise Ms. Patterson of this hearing, Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to grant the motion to hold the defendant in default. The motion carried. Judge Collier advised that this hearing shall proceed as uncontested. After hearing testimony and evidence regarding the charges brought forth by the Board attorney, the Board voted to approve the proposed final order as presented. Judge Collier advised Mr. Munderloh that the final order would need to be amended only by changing the name of the presiding judge on the first page of the order. The hearing concluded at 11:39.

### **Investigative Report**

There are four (4) open complaints against speech pathologists. There are two (2) open complaints against an audiologist. There are no open complaints for Speech Language Pathology Assistants.

### **Monitored Practitioners**

Investigations are currently monitoring four (4) practitioners on probation, and one (1) Board Order.

### **Administrative Report**

As of July 31, 2013, there are 367 licensed audiologists, 2175 licensed speech pathologists and 90 registered speech language pathology assistants. Between April 25, 2013 and July 31, 2013, 39 Audiologists have renewed their licenses. Out of the 39, 19 renewed online, giving a 48.7% renewal rate. For the same time period 241 Speech Pathologists have renewed their licenses. Out of the 241, 121 renewed online giving a 50.2% renewal rate.

The Board was advised of a change in the current Lapsed License Policy. The change is that as of now, any licensee practicing after their license has expired is now reported to the National Practitioner Databank, in addition to the State of Tennessee databank.

The new Conflict of Interest Policy was presented. The Board members were advised of some changes within the policy, specifically the clause pertaining to payment for activities relating to official duties, except as already approved by the Department of Finance and Administration. The example was given of a society paying for travel and lodging to a conference. The members were advised that each of them had a new copy to sign and return to the Administrator.

The Board discussed a plan of action regarding Public Chapter 122, formerly known as SB 0493, regarding military spouse licensing. Ms. Wilkins advised the Board that work is progressing on the legislative side to implement this action.

Mr. Custer also presented to the Board a proposed letter to state universities advising the Board's rules regarding licensed supervision of clinical students. The Board approved the letter with some minor changes, to be sent as soon as possible.

Mr. Custer presented to the Board a proposed letter of audit for Speech Language Pathology Assistants. The Board approved the letter with some minor changes being made. The Board advised that the letter should be sent after the new rules become effective, on September 26, 2013, and should also be sent with a copy of the current rules at that time.

### **Newly Licensed**

#### **SPEECH**

1	Adamus	Kathryn	4830
2	Archer	Stephanie	4849
3	Babcock	Kelley	4978
4	Backus	Lindsay	4772
5	Barnes	Terri	4746
6	Bell	Meredith	4761
7	Berns	Joanne	4855
8	Bishop	Maura	4817
9	Bowen	Mary Beth	4676
10	Boylan	Deborah	4747
11	Branton	Brandi	4988
12	Caldwell	Sara	4770
13	Carniello	Olga	4751
14	Clark	Bridget	4987
15	Coomer	Hailee	5023
16	Copeland	Jenna	4821
17	Cummings	Jessica	4776
18	Dimit	Lena	5044
19	Dunham	Audrey	4814
20	Ferguson	Neina	4999
21	Fortner	Amanda	4826
22	Furniss	Kasey	4825
23	Ghera	Abbie	4818
24	Gorman	Charli	5024
25	Hall	Whitney	5058

26	Hammer	Joseph	4890
27	Hankins	Kerry	4769
28	Harrington	Katherine	4848
29	Hedinger	Tricia	5046
30	Hegy	Sarah	4828
31	Hess	Lori	4824
32	Highley	Dana	4807
33	Horn	Lauren	4745
34	Hurley	Kaitlin	4992
35	Jordan	Sara	4875
36	Kaupila	Kathryn	4994
37	Kessel	Bethany	4806
38	Lacefield	Heather	4822
39	Logsdon	Stacy	5064
40	Lott	Joanna	5000
41	Lyons	Kristin	4902
42	Magee	Nicole	5057
43	Mandell	Jacqueline	5069
44	Marquis	Patti	4968
45	Martin	Traci	4963
46	McKaig	Kelly	5006
47	Miller	Heather	4433
48	Morris	Lindsey	4628
49	Moss	Bianca	4731
50	Murphy	Stefanie	4777
51	Myers	Kellie	4736
52	Norris	Christina	4829
53	Nowicki	Jennifer	4982
54	Owens	Aleah	4802
55	Pate	Miranda	4767
56	Pate	Robin	4811
57	Phillips	Chelsea	4781
58	Poorman	Lori	5043
59	Power	Sara	4742
60	Prins	Casey	5025
61	Qualls	Jessica	4795
62	Reedy	Robyn	4762
63	Rietveld	Stephanie	4931
64	Roby	Davia	5040
65	Rose	Laura	4995
66	Samorezov	Paula	4852
67	Simmons	Kimberly	4760
68	Snyder	Courtney	4739

69	Souther	Torrie	5047
70	Steitler	Hannah	4991
71	Szabo	Tiffany	4749
72	Theimer	Kristin	4752
73	Thomas	Amanda	4774
74	Thomas	Bernelda	4834
75	Thompson	Candace	4846
76	Turczyn	Kelli	4862
77	Vaughn	Nicole	4850
78	Webb	Nathaniel	4753
79	Wiggins	Angelica	4837
80	Yeager	Elizabeth	4847
81	Young	Darcee	5012

### AUDIOLOGY

1	Elkins	Rachel	1667
2	Grillis	Lauren	1673
3	Hatton	Kelsey	1674
4	Noureldine	Maysoun	1656
5	Pacchiana	Jennifer	1659
6	Post	Sarah	1665
7	Rafael	Kathleen	1676
8	Rinehart	Brittany	1675
9	Scott	Amanda	1664
10	Taylor	Adrian	1666
11	Tripp	Rebekah	1641
12	Vittum	Jamie	1661
13	Wieczorek	Stephanie	1678
14	Wyatt	Natalie	1677

### SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT

1	Galloway	Carol	406
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Dr. Mauldin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Matlock, to approve the list of the new licensees. Motion carried.

### Reinstatements

Speech:

1	Floyd	Karoline	4486
2	Haley	Elizabeth	4493
3	Nanjundeswaran	Chayadevie	4423
4	Richards	Melinda	1387

5	Taylor	Adrian	4287
6	Watson	Lori	950
1	Matthews	Kelly	1500
2	Taylor	Merlin	1478

#### Audiology

1	Branscome	Kjersten	1541
2	McFalls	Katherine	1574

Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn, to approve the list of reinstatements. The motion carried.

#### **File Review**

Upon review of the application for **Ann Harrell, SLP Reapply**, Dr. Mauldin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn, to approve the application as submitted. Motion carried.

Upon review of the application for extension of Clinical Fellowship for **Hailey Keene, SLP Clinical Fellow**, Ms. Flynn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mauldin, to grant a four (4) month extension, pending a letter from Ms. Keene's supervisor requesting such an extension. The motion carried.

#### **Agreed Citations**

All of the Agreed Citations presented to the Board were for failure to obtain sufficient continuing education credit. All had made up the required hours and paid the appropriate civil penalty. These Agreed Citations are for the following licensees and/or registrants:

- 1 Carie Davis SLP
- 2 Donald Green SLP
- 3 Sarah Allen SLP

Dr. Matlock made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mauldin, to approve the list of Agreed Citations presented before the Board. The motion carried.

#### **Review Continuing Education**

The Board reviewed the continuing education submitted in accordance with the continuing education audit, for **Danielle Crawford**. After review, the Board accepted the continuing education as presented.

The Board reviewed the continuing education submitted in accordance with the continuing education audit, for **Carol Greenwald**. After review, the Board accepted and allowed one (1) hour of continuing education for presenting a CE course, but no credit was given for the preparation of said course. The Board accepted all remaining continuing education for Ms. Greenwald.

#### **Adjournment**

With no other Board business to conduct, Dr. Mauldin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flynn, to adjourn at 12:23 p.m. The motion carried.

*Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences on November 5, 2013*