



# MARYLAND

## Department of Health

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### **Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists**

The regular session meeting of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists was held on June 21, 2018, in Room 110 of the MDH Metro Executive Building, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Sloan called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m. Present for the quorum were Dr. Stacey Samuels Cole, Mr. John Cummins, Ms. Jillian DeLuca, Dr. Tinita Kearney, Dr. Jennifer Mertes via conference call, Dr. Carrie Nieman, Ms. Billie Jo O'Donovan, Dr. Candace Robinson, Mr. John Rouse, Mr. Shekells, and Ms. Ellen Stein.

#### **Staff Present**

Christopher Kelter, Executive Director  
Carla Boyd, AAG, Board Counsel  
Zoann Mouzone, Administrative Specialist III

#### **Absent Members**

Dr. Scott London

#### **Agenda Review and Approval for June 2018**

Ms. O'Donovan made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. Ms. DeLuca seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### **Minutes Review and Approval for April 2018**

Mr. Kelter will have the April 2018 and May 2018 Minutes available for the Board to review at the August 2018 Board meeting.

#### **Regulatory Review**

None

#### **Executive Director's Report**

##### **2018 Renewal – AUD, SLP and SLP-A**

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that the renewal process went well with a few exceptions. Exceptions included a few licensees that paid twice for the renewal of their license and licensees that completed the renewal application but indicated that they would pay by check and had not yet sent their check. Additionally, Board staff addressed licensee concerns with respect to technical difficulties with the online renewal system and those licensees who waited until the last minute to renew their license and will have to pay the late fee. Mr. Kelter also informed the Board that finger printing receipts have been received as proof of completing the criminal history records check requirement for renewal candidates, but the required reports had not yet been received by the Board.

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### **2018 Renewal – SLP Continuing Education Audit**

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that the continuing education audit is going fairly well and that there are a few licensees who have not yet submitted their continuing education documentation. Mr. Kelter stated that he's reasonably confident that they will comply when additional notice of the audit requirements have been provided to the licensee.

### **Criminal History Records Check (CHRC) Update**

Mr. Kelter informed the Board of the CHRC statistics as of June 5, 2018. There are 78 records that are pending without an application. There are 44 records that have been received but the Board has not received an application – these records are at least 3 months old and have been removed from general tracking. Mr. Kelter reported that since October 1, 2016, when the requirement was implemented, the Board has issued 878 new licenses of all types. For the 2018 renewal, the Board has approved 1,536 speech-language pathology renewal applications, 182 audiology renewal applications and 32 speech-language pathology assistant renewal applications. For the 2017 renewal, the Board approved 1,717 speech-language pathology renewal applications and 227 audiology renewal applications.

### **Med Star Presentation at Good Samaritan Hospital & Rehabilitation Center - June 13, 2018**

Mr. Kelter presented on behalf of the Board. Mr. Kelter reported that the presentation was very similar to the presentation given at the Maryland Speech-Language Hearing Association's annual conference in April 2018. Mr. Kelter met with four licensees during the presentation and advised that he was informed that there were other continuing education activities that day which affected attendance at this event.

### **Deborah Donahue, Office of the Attorney General (OAG) Presentation – Board and Antitrust Decisions (NC Dental)**

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that Ms. Donahue, Deputy Counsel, has developed a presentation that addresses the North Carolina dental case decision from the United States Supreme Court, consideration of antitrust matters during Board decisions and Board member immunity. Mr. Kelter reported that Ms. Boyd had indicated that Ms. Donahue has made the presentation to other Boards and has offered to make the presentation to this Board. Mr. Kelter reported that he attended the presentation with other Executive Directors and informed the Board that the presentation is informative. Mr. Kelter advised the Board that the Board should see the presentation and that it would be held during the Administrative Session of a future Board Meeting. Mr. Kelter will discuss available dates with Ms. Donahue and bring back to the Board for a decision.

### **Board Membership Update**

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that Kim Bennardi reported that the process for filling the positions of the Board members whose terms are expiring has been a slow process. Mr. Kelter presented Ms. Billie Jo O'Donovan, Hearing Aid Dispenser and Mr. John Sloan, Speech-Language Pathologist, with a plaque for their service to the citizens of the State of Maryland. Mr. Kelter advised the Board that he would mail the testimonial plaque to Dr. London.

**July 19, 2018 Board Meeting Tentatively Rescheduled to August 16, 2018**

Due to the scheduling of vacation, Mr. Kelter would like to reschedule the July 19, 2018 Board meeting to August 16, 2018. Mr. Kelter will send an email in the near future to ascertain Board member availability to achieve a quorum to conduct Board business on August 16, 2018.

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Cummins reported to the Board for the month of June 2018 the budget is \$376,337.00, the expenditures are 312,659.00, and that the Board has available funds in the amount of \$63,678.00.

**Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Memo for Review and Dissemination**

Mr. Kelter reported that the Maryland Department of Health has asked the Board to distribute information about expanded coverage to all licensed audiologists and hearing aid dispensers. The memo from Susan Tucker, Executive Director for Office of Health Services, was time sensitive for an online information and training session to be held on June 27, 2018.

**Correspondence & FYI**

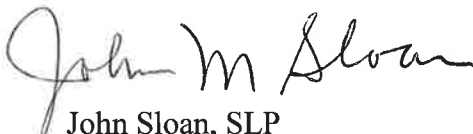
None

Next Board Meeting – August 16, 2018 (tentative)

**Adjournment**

The regular session meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Sloan, SLP  
Chair