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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 May 17, 2018, in Room 110 of the MDH Metro Executive Building, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Sheckells called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m. Present for the quorum were Dr. Stacey Samuels Cole, Mr. John Cummins, Ms. Jillian DeLuca, Dr. Tinita Kearney, Dr. Jennifer Mertes, Dr. Carrie Nieman, Dr. Candace Robinson, Mr. John Rouse 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
Ms. Billie Jo O'Donovan
Mr. John Sloan
Lillian Reese, Legislation and Reg. Coord.

Mr. Kelter introduced and welcomed Dr. Carrie Nieman, M.D. to the Board.

Agenda Review and Approval for May 2018

Ms. Stein made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. Mr. Cummins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes Review and Approval for April 2018

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

Regulatory Review

None

Executive Director's Report

2018 Renewal – AUD, SLP and SLP-A

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that licensees are continuing to renew their licenses through the online renewal system and there is approximately two weeks left before the late fee is accessed to those licensees who do not renew their license on or before May 31, 2018.

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2018 Renewal – SLP Continuing Education (CEU) Audit

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that the audit is going fairly well and that there are a significant number of licensees are complying with the audit at the last minute.

Criminal History Records Check (CHRC) Update

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that the CHRC process has been challenging this year due to the Maryland Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) breakdown. Individuals have been calling the Board claiming that they have completed the CHRC process, but Mr. Kelter has not received the results of the CHRC. Mr. Kelter informed the Board that he advises the licensees and applicants that it is their responsibility to follow up with Maryland CJIS on the status of their CHRC.

Maryland Speech-Language Hearing Association (MSHA) Annual Convention – April 20, 2018

Mr. Kelter and Mr. Sloan attended the convention and presented on behalf of the Board. Mr. Kelter informed the Board that he and Mr. Sloan spent approximately four hours total in the days leading up to the presentation preparing for the presentation. Mr. Kelter reported that the presentation went very well.

Executive Directors Meeting with Associate Secretary Dennis Schrader

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that Mr. Schrader met with the boards' Executive Directors approximately two weeks ago and that the meeting topic was emphasis on customer service.

MedStar Presentation at Good Samaritan Hospital & Rehabilitation Center - June 13, 2018

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that he will present on behalf of the Board. Board members are invited to attend.

Board Membership Update

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that a selection has been made for the otolaryngologist, the hearing aid dispenser and the speech-language pathologist positions for the Board, but that he was not yet aware of the individuals that had been selected.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Kelter will have the report available for the June 2018 Board meeting.

Proposal to Amend Statute – Physician Members of the Board Qualifications

Mr. Kelter provided a brief summary of the Board's proposed statutory change in which one physician member of the Board will remain an Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) doctor and the other physician member of the Board would be one who specializes in geriatrics or pediatrics. Mr. Kelter will present the proposal to Ms. Lillian Reese. Mr. Cummins made a motion to move forward with the proposal to amend the statute. Mr. Rouse seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence & FYI
None

Next Board Meeting – May 21, 2018

Adjournment

The regular session meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'George Sheckells', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George Sheckells, HAD
Chaired on behalf of Mr. John Sloan