



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology Advisory Council

Minutes

August 18, 2017

Members

Charles G. Marx, CCC-A
Darlene Gore, CCC-SLP
Kathleen Wentland, CCC-SLP
Robin Friend, OT
Dr. Claude Harbarger

Members Absent

Ashley Grillis
Lindy Oswalt

MSDH

F. Simkins
Y. Morrow
M. Parker
E. O'Neal
A. Saleem

1. Dr. Marx called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.
2. By unanimous consent, the minutes of the Council's February 17, 2017, meeting were approved.
3. **Old Business**
 - a. Ms. Morrow presented the draft wording to require a doctoral degree as the educational requirement for audiology licensure. The Council reviewed the wording and discussed revising before changing the Regulations. Ms. O'Neal will draft a new version and will email it to the Council. The Council will vote via email once the revision is received.
 - b. Members of the Mississippi-Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA) presented information on the importance of having telepractice regulations for the speech-language pathology and audiology professions. Ms. Jeffalyn Trammel, MSHA-VP Healthcare and Ms. Melissa Ladner, MSHA-VP of School Issues were present. Ms. Trammel provided some background on telepractice and why establishing regulatory guidelines is important. The Council agreed that regulating telepractice is important and that they would like to have regulations governing telepractice for speech-language pathology and audiology. Ms. O'Neal informed the Council that she would draft the telepractice regulations based on the information that she received. She also explained that approval of telepractice regulations was previously placed on hold awaiting legislative directives. The Department will check

on the status of the hold and the earliest the regulations may be submitted is April 2018.

4. New Business:

- a. Ms. Morrow informed the Council of the new travel policy for all individuals traveling on business for the State of Mississippi.
- b. Ms. Morrow provided a membership update to the Council discussed. She informed them that Darlene Gore's term will expire on December 31, 2018, and Ashley Grillis' term will expire December 31, 2017. Ms. Gore stated that she is willing to serve another term. Ms. Morrow will contact Ms. Grillis concerning her position as well as request endorsements for the positions from MSHA.

5. The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.


MSDH


Council Secretary

Date: 19 Jan 18