

# TENNESSEE BOARD OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SCIENCES

**DATE:** November 8, 2016

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

**LOCATION:** Health Related Boards  
Ground Floor, Poplar Room  
665 Mainstream Dr  
Nashville, TN 37243

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Velvet Buehler, M.A., CCC-SLP/A, Audiologist  
Julie A Crosby-Davis, CCC-SLP, Speech Pathologist  
Carrie Crittendon, Au.D, CCC-A, Audiologist  
Debby Starr, Au.D, CCC-A, Audiologist  
Kimberly Vinson, MD, Otolaryngologist  
Richard Morton, Citizen Member

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

Ms. Buehler called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was held, and a quorum was present.

## **Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 9, 2016 meeting. Ms. Starr made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

## **OGC Report**

Ms. Lanford presented the following OGC report:

### **Legislation**

There is no new legislation affecting the Board at this time.

### **Rule Activity**

The rule change regarding an amendment to the Board's telehealth rules (Rule 1370-01-.21) to be in compliance with new statutory changes is currently in the internal review process.

### **Disciplinary Activity**

Currently, there is one (1) open file in the Office of General Counsel, and there are no consent orders on the agenda to be presented to the Council today.

## **Investigative Report**

Nichelle Dorroh, from the Office of Investigations presented the investigative reports. There are currently two (2) open complaints against speech pathologists, four (4) open complaints against audiologists, and no open complaints against SLPA's. There are currently three (3) practitioners being monitored.

## **Financial Report**

Noranda French, from the Accounting and Finance department present the financial report to the Board. Ms. French also advised the Board of a possible need to reduce renewal fees, and presented a graph of possible reductions.

After discussion, and input from the administrative staff, Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to eliminate the licensure verification fee of \$25. The motion carried.

Additionally, Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Vinson, to reduce the biennial renewal fee from \$80 to \$60; and to reduce the late renewal fee from \$150 to \$120. The motion carried.

## **Administrative Report**

Mr. Custer provided the administrative report. As of November 1, 2016, there are 416 licensed audiologists, 2648 licensed speech pathologists and 110 registered speech language pathology assistants. Between August 2, 2016 and November 1, 2016, a total of 46 Audiologists have renewed their licenses, with 29, or 63%, of those renewing online. For the same time period, a total of 271 Speech Pathologists have renewed their licenses, with 192, or 71%, of those renewing online. Mr. Custer also advised that out of 7 total renewals, we had 2, or 29%, of SLPA's renew online.

Mr. Custer advised the Board of the next meeting, scheduled for February 7, 2017.

## **Newly Licensed/Registered**

Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, to approve the presented list of newly licensed Speech Pathologists. The motion carried.

### **SPEECH PATHOLOGY - NEW**

1	Roberta	Allen	5709	24	Alison	Hessling	6059	46	Miyoko	Patricelli	6018
2	Kristin	Alvis	5735	25	Jamie	Hinchey	6007	47	Ashley	Patten	5578
3	Paige	Asnen	5750	26	Rachel	Hinson	5616	48	Brittany	Peddler	5733
4	Melissa	Barrera	6029	27	Taylor	Hoeks	5654	49	Meagan	Perry	5726
5	Rebecca	Brady	6060	28	Linnea	Howie	5757	50	Nola	Radford	6005
6	Lauren	Brassfield	5646	29	Kathleen	Hyland	5717	51	Kate	Rattner	5515
7	Elena	Brown	5997	30	Dawn	Jarnagin	6050	52	Mallory	Recker	5710
8	Trisha	Burnham	6022	31	Lindsey	King	5943	53	Kayla	Rogers	5079
9	Amanda	Carter	5548	32	Lucy	Long	5615	54	William	Ryan	5557
10	Kelly	Cleary	6042	33	Julia	Lyons	5763	55	Whitney	Salyers	5617
11	Sherri	Coker	5758	34	Felecia	Mann	5739	56	Christine	Schenk	6014

12	Allison	Coomes	6025	35	Mona	Marcrum	6001	57	Katherine	Schottinger	6032
13	Katherine	Crawford	5972	36	Beth	Martin	5649	58	Amy	Seigler	5657
14	Rachel	Crowell	5564	37	Sarah	McPeake	5749	59	Cassie	Semore	5673
15	Kristine	Debrosse	6006	38	Jamie	Meeks	5967	60	Molly	Spears	5702
16	Kara	Edwards	5599	39	Melinda	Meyers	6008	61	Acie	Starling	6015
17	Allison	Fischer	6035	40	Nancy	Milbourne	5745	62	Laurie	Tuten	6041
18	Xiaojun	Gao	5716	41	Madonna	Millett	6053	63	Darlene	Washington	5971
19	Anne	Gibson	5697	42	Karin	Morton	6055	64	Rebecca	Winkler	5754
20	Shannon	Greenlee	6062	43	Toni	Nguyen	5693	65	Margeaux	Womack	5824
21	Lauren	Harris	5634	44	Elizabeth	Oster	5761	66	Julia	Wright	5777
22	Charlotte	Harvell	6064	45	Elisheza	Ostrar	6031	67	Kristal	Young	6027
23	Allison	Heermans	5986								

Dr. Starr made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to approve the presented list of newly licensed Audiologists. The motion carried.

#### AUDIOLOGY - NEW

1	Elizabeth	Caskey	1808	4	Katelyn	Crockett	1811	7	April	Stegall	1810
2	Jordan	Coffelt	1761	5	Litany	Finley	1812	8	Sara	Unrein	1813
3	Kelley	Corcoran	1809	6	Dhruva	Kumbhani	1806	9	Megan	West	1770

Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Starr, to approve the presented list of newly registered Speech Language Pathology Assistants. The motion carried.

#### SLPA - NEW

1	Alison	Burrows	507	4	Katie	Loudermilk	380	6	Mary	Richardson	504
2	Sheila	Dixon	511	5	Evan	McClure	506	7	Jessica	Saulsberry	501
3	Jada	Edwards	499								

### Reinstatements

Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Crittendon, to approve the presented list of reinstated Speech Pathologists. The motion carried.

#### SLP REINSTATE

1	Amanda	Cummings	4684	4	Hannah	Hurt	4538	7	Jennifer	Scott	5239
2	Catherine	Hipsher	4173	5	Kristin	Russell	1862	8	Kimberly	VanDusen	4755
3	Angela	Huffman	1018	6	Miranda	Sabo	4618	9	Elizabeth	Varnado	921

Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Starr, to approve the presented list of reinstated SLPA's. The motion carried.

#### SLPA REINSTATE

1	Katie	Loudermilk	380
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## **Agreed Citations**

The Board reviewed the following summary list of agreed citations for multiple practitioners. Mr. Custer advised that all of the practitioners were cited for continuing education violations. Each citation was voted on individually:

### **CE HOURS VIOLATIONS**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PROF</b>	<b>LIC #</b>	<b>HRS DEFICIENT</b>	<b>CIVIL PENALTY</b>
1	Brittany Tilson	SLP	4270	18	\$100.00
2	Christianne Thomas	AUD	1253	8	\$100.00
3	Linda Wohlford (Bonner)	SLPA	393	5	\$100.00
4	Hailey Keene	SLP	4756	9	\$100.00

Dr. Crittendon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to accept the citation for Ms. Tilson. The Motion carried.

Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Crittendon, to accept the citation for Dr. Thomas. The motion carried.

Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Crittendon, to accept the citation for Ms. Wohlford. The motion carried.

Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Crittendon, to accept the citation for Ms. Keene. The motion carried.

## **Report from Task Force Regarding CFY Wording & Medicare Billing**

Ms. Davis presented a report to the Board regarding the Task Force and the information that had been gathered. After reviewing the information; and hearing from Janet Avery, Sarah Hoffman, and Pat McClary, the Board held a discussion on how to move forward with the recommendations from the Task Force. The task force recommendations included holding a rulemaking hearing to change language for CFY/ACE; change application requirements; clarification of CFY/ACE time periods; guidelines for grandfathering of existing CFY/ACE; determination of fees and fee schedules. The recommendation from the task force is to use the current Board of Psychology rules/application process as a “base model” in which to create new/change existing CDS rules for the CFY/ACE applications.

The Board was presented with several issues and ideas to take into consideration for an upcoming rulemaking hearing. Ms. Lanford will draft language and present to the Board at the next meeting regarding the following items:

- Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Crittendon, to change the term used to describe the CFY from “Registration” to “Provisional License”. The motion carried.
- Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to change the application process to include the CFY/ACE application along with the application for full license; and to require all fees and documentation up front, prior to approval for CFY/ACE. Also, the fees would remain as set by the rules, instead of breaking the fees into sections. The motion carried.

- Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Dr. Crittendon, to have a list of required documentation that would be required for upgrading from CFY/ACE to a full license. The motion carried.
- Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morton, to define the time period for a CFY as a flat eighteen (18) months, instead of allowing extensions. The motion carried.
- Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Starr, to define the time period for the ACE as a flat eighteen (18) months, instead of allowing extensions. The motion carried.
- Dr. Vinson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, to allow anyone who is currently in a CFY or ACE registration to reapply for the Provisional license once the new rules would become effective, and they would not lose time already accrued and earned under the registration. The motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

With no other Board business to conduct, Mr. Morton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

*Ratified by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences on February 7, 2017*