

**IDAHO SPEECH, HEARING AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES LICENSURE
BOARD**

Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses

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Board Meeting Minutes of 6/29/2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gayle L Chaney, AuD- Chair
Teresa Lee Rose
LaVona Andrew
Kenneth W Nuhn
Cynthia K Olsen, AuD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbra Osterhout, MS, CCC, SLP
Kevin C Woodall, MS, CCC, SLP

DIVISION STAFF: Katie Stuart, Executive Officer
Nicki Chopski, Bureau Chief, Health Professions
Stephanie Lotridge, Licensing and Registration Program
Manager
Lea Kear, Legal Counsel
Jan Arrasmith, Practice and Education Specialist
Matthew Post, Investigations Support Specialist
Pam Rebolo, Board Support Supervisor
Susan Cassell, Board Support Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Kris Brock, ISHA

CONVENED: Gayle L. Chaney called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM and read the opening statement.

BOARD BUSINESS

Ms. Stuart summarized the procedure for Zero Based Regulation for Administrative Rules review and presented the Board with sections of the Rules of the Speech, Hearing, and Communication Services Licensure Board. The Board focused on sections involving newborn hearing screening tests, qualifications for Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) licensure, SLP Aide and Assistant licensure, Hearing Aid dealers and fitters, and SLP Provisional Permits.

Rule 212 – Newborn Hearing Screening

The current language references the use of automated equipment to perform hearing screening tests on infants. A survey of surrounding states, plus Alaska and South Dakota, shows that

screening tests are either included in the practice of audiology and audiology supervision or not mentioned in Statute or Rule. Ms. Kear reviewed the practice act, Dr. Chaney agreed that hearing screening tests are within the scope of audiologists but did not want to exclude trained, qualified hospital staff from screening newborns as there is no license to only conduct screenings. Ms. Kear will offer a new draft at the next meeting.

Rule 220 – Qualifications for Speech-Language Pathologist Licensure

Ms. Stuart presented streamlined language for education, examinations, and supervised experience for Speech-Language Pathologist Licensure. This revised language aligns with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Ms. Andrews and Dr. Chaney inquired about Board discretion in approving qualifications in general, especially for international candidates.

Rule 230 – Qualifications for Speech-Language Pathologist Aide Licensure

Strike Rule 230 and move forward with licensing only Speech-Language Pathologist Assistants. We can convert current Aides to Assistants.

Rule 240 – Qualifications for Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant Licensure

This section will streamline the language for clarity.

Rule 250 – Qualifications for Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters

Ms. Stuart simplified the language regarding Approved Examination. Dr. Chaney inquired about the number of attempts allowed to pass an exam, Ms. Kear responded that there is no limiting language in universal licensure.

Rule 450 – Provisional Permits

Ms. Stuart presented consolidated language in sections .02 and 0.3; Ms. Kear is reviewing the definitions of “supervisor” for all specialties and to include telehealth. Ms. Andrew and Dr. Olsen inquired about the quarterly report requirement in the current Rules and stated that the reports allow the Board to ensure quality supervision and assess the caliber of work; Board members concurred that reports are vital for the accuracy of work and to determine discipline in cases of inadequate supervision. Ms. Stuart and Ms. Kear will present additional language and reach out to stakeholders prior to the next meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE: August 31, 2022 at 8:15 AM

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Chaney adjourned the meeting at 9:06 AM.