



Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee

Minutes of November 8, 2001

Public Session Minutes

Roll Call

Sandra M. Friedland, Louis J. Conte, D.O. and Freda Renz- Spagnola, Anne M. Eckert and Deborah F. Rosin, M.D.

Absent

Celeste A. Wood, Sheila Kotler and Theresa E. Bartolotta

Also Present

Pamela S. McClure, Executive Director Marianne Greenwald, Deputy Attorney General Linda Jones, Administrative Staff

Call to Order

A quorum being present, the regular bi-monthly meeting of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:25 P.M., 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, all members having been notified of time, date, place and materials pertinent thereto having been provided.

Sunshine Law

In compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Law of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of the notice filed with the Secretary of State, Trenton Times, the Star Ledger, the Courier-Post and the Record.

II Approval of July 12, 2001 Public Session Minutes.

Motion made by Anne M. Eckert to accept the minutes, seconded by Louis J. Conte, D.O. MOTION ACCEPTED

III ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Election of Chairman

Anne M. Eckert nominated Celeste A. Wood for Chairman, Deborah D. Rosin, M.D. seconded the nomination. The nomination was unanimously accepted.

Election of Secretary-Treasurer

Anne M. Eckert nominated Sandra M. Friedland for Secretary-Treasurer, Louis J. Conte, D.O. seconded the nomination. The nomination was unanimously accepted.

IV CORRESPONDENCE

Stella Vitale, RN

Letter and supporting documentation received asking if "Advanced Audiological Screening" that included pure tone testing, tympanogram, and acoustic reflex, is inappropriate and out of the scope of her practice as a school nurse.

The members directed the committee office to send a letter and copy of supporting documentation from Stella Vitale, RN to Mark Finkelstein, Superintendent and Dr. Joy Layng, Director of the Middlesex County Education Services Commission, requesting a response. Upon receipt of response, all information is to be referred to the Board of Nursing for review and comment.

Carol Salvatore, MSCCCLP

Letter and supporting documentation asking if Speech-Language Pathologists are licensed to perform neuromuscular electrical stimulation on patients when deemed necessary.

The members directed the committee office to send a letter informing Ms. Salvatore that it is permissible for Speech-Language Pathologists to perform neuromuscular electrical stimulation on patients if it is specific to their scope of practice, if they are properly trained, and it is permitted at the facility where it is being conducted.

Patricia P. Kuchon

Letter and supporting documentation for Continuing Education approval submitted to support the renewal of her Speech-Language Pathologist license.

The members agreed to have Marianne Greenwald, DAG, call Ms. Kuchon and respond back to the committee. Response received from DAG Greenwald approving the CEU documentation.

Wendy Ellmo, President

New Jersey Speech-Language Hearing Association

Fax received regarding Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) with Sensory Testing (FEESST) and ability of New Jersey licensed Speech-Language Pathologists to perform FEES.

The members directed the committee office to send a letter informing Ms. Ellmo that under the current regulations it is not within the scope of practice for a Speech Pathologist to perform Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) and FEES with Sensory Testing (FEESST), and that it could be considered unlicensed practice of medicine.

V OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter Discussion

Renee Pearson Clark, Newsletter Coordinator

Sandra M. Friedland will give Pamela S. McClure, Executive Director information regarding newsletter.

Dianne Webberley

Hearing Health International Institute

Documentation received regarding the Internet course, "Loudness Growth," being approved by ASHA.

The members directed the committee office to send a letter advising that the Internet course information was accepted.

CEU Audit Review

Once information is sorted, the review is to be done at the committee office by Sandra M. Friedland, Anne M. Eckert, Sheila Kotler and Theresa E. Bartolotta.

Anne M. Eckert moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Freda Renz-Spagnola at 3:10 P.M., to approve the minutes of July 12, 2001, and to review two (2) consumer complaints. Pursuant to the Committee's investigative authority in order to determine whether violations of law, including Committee regulations, have occurred. The results of these deliberations will be known when and if the Committee determines to initiate disciplinary or other action. If the Committee determines to issue a Uniform Penalty Letter, that action will be taken in Public Session immediately after the Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,
AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Pamela S. McClure, Executive Director

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