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BOARD of AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

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WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**MARCH 21, 2016
9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.**

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**



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OPEN SESSION MINUTES MARCH 2015

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	GABRIELE S. NICOLET, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	STEPHANIE MARSHALL. BOARD MEMBER	Present
STAFF:	ROBIN Y. JENKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	ERIC YEAGER, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	LEONARD HOWARD, INVESTIGATOR	Present
LEGAL STAFF:	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	Present
GUESTS:	Wanda Colston, Ph. D., University of the District of Columbia	Present

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OPEN SESSION: Call to Order

	<p><u>Executive Director's Report:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Executive Director reported that the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA) had oversight hearings in February before the D.C. City Council, and 19 licensing boards covering 49 professions were under review. She reported that Dr. Sharon Lewis, HRLA's Interim Senior Deputy Director, spoke on issues relating to HRLA while Department of Health Director Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt spoke on issues impacting DOH in its entirety.</p> <p>Executive Director Robin Jenkins also noted that City Council also recently passed legislation requiring all licensed health professionals in the city to complete two (2) CEUs in training related to treating lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) clients. This legislation would require licensees to complete this training every two years for licensure renewal.</p>	
	<p><u>Chairperson's Report:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board Chair reported that she had recently attended the District of Columbia Speech-Language Hearing Association meeting and spoken to the group about the likely</p>	



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	<p>passage of the LGBTQ CEU requirement. She clarified that these CEUs should first be due at the 2020 renewal.</p>	
	<p><u>Board Attorney’s Report</u> <u>Board Action:</u> There was no report from the Board Attorney.</p>	
OS-0321-01	<p><u>MINUTES</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Open Session Minutes of the December 21, 2015, meeting were approved.</p>	
OS-0321-02	<p><u>CLINICAL FELLOWS, AUDIOLOGY ASSISTANTS, AND SLP ASSISTANTS UPDATE</u> The Board discussed SLP Assistants (SLPAs) with visitor Wanda Colston, Ph. D., Program Director of Speech and Language Pathology Program at the University of the District of Columbia.</p> <p>Having completed a survey on the practicality of an SLPA certification based on individuals with undergraduate SLP degrees, Dr. Colston reported four key findings: 1) that there is sufficient demand for SLPAs; 2) that there is sufficient support in the market for a licensing structure for SLPAs; there is not yet a strong SLPA presence in the Washington, D.C., area, but some employers do hire them; and 4) that local universities like UDC, Howard University, George Washington University, and Gallaudet University should be approached by the Board to develop SLPA programs. The Board thanked Dr. Colston for her</p>	



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	<p>effort and agreed to move forward with outreach to local universities.</p> <p><u>Board Actions:</u> The Board then approved the SLP draft regulations after adding language in Chapter 79 for Clinical Fellows and SLPAs, amending the language in §7903 pertaining to Clinical Fellows, adding a provision in §7906 to require LGBTQ continuing education, and moving the continuing education language of §7907.5 to § 7907.1.</p> <p>Continuing, the Board approved the Clinical Fellow draft regulations in Chapter 84. The Board did so after adding language in § 8402.2 to state that a Clinical Fellow supervisor may not have been subject to a “public” order within the previous two years, after removing “supervisor” from § 8404.4, and after moving the limitation on the number of supervised Clinical Fellows from § 8404.4(c) to § 8403(d).</p> <p>The Board then approved the SLPA regulations.</p>	
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The OPEN SESSION concluded at 10:30 a.m.