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Department of Health
BOARD of AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2NDFLOOR.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**MARCH 20, 2017
9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.**

**OPEN SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**



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ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	STEPHANIE MARSHALL, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	KRISTIN SPIVEY, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	KARI COMER, BOARD MEMBER	Present
STAFF:	ROBIN Y. JENKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	ERIC YEAGER, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	LEONARD HOWARD, INVESTIGATOR	Present
	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	Present
VISITORS	LISA THOMPSON	Present
	KATHERINE DEMEREL	Present
	ANNETTE FORSETER	Present

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OPEN SESSION: Call to Order

	<p><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u> The Executive Director reported on her March 1, 2017 appearance before the D.C. Council’s Committee on Health, where she gave an overview of the work of all the Allied and Behavioral Health Boards. She also summarized the testimony provided by chairpersons from various boards within HRLA. Finally, she notified the board members that Kristin Spivey has been appointed as the chairperson of the Board of Audiology and Speech –Language Pathology in addition to the continuing recruitment efforts by the Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA).</p>	
	<p><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u> There was no report.</p>	
	<p><u>Board Attorney’s Report:</u> There was no report.</p>	
OS-0320-01	<p><u>MINUTES</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Open Session Minutes of the December 19, 2016 meeting were approved.</p>	
OS-0320-02	<p><u>NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board discussed with visitors (from various DC hospitals) whether or not the technicians who currently perform newborn screenings, at the various hospital sites, would be required to obtain a license in light of the</p>	



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	<p>Department of Health’s CHA regulation - Section 7-852 of the D.C. Code, which identifies which professionals can perform newborn hearing screenings.</p> <p>After much discussion, the Board decided that because the instrument used in the newborn screening actually performs the analysis, the technicians receive appropriate training, and the individuals are identified as professionals in the CHA rules, that the technicians are not practicing as an audiologist or speech-language assistant and would not require a license.</p> <p>The Board did request that documentation indicating the training the technicians receive be sent for their information.</p>	
OS-0320-03	<p><u>PROPOSED REGULATIONS</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board reviewed and approved the final rulemaking regulations for Speech-Language Pathologists, Audiologists, Clinical Fellows, SLP Assistants, and AUD Assistants.</p>	

The OPEN SESSION concluded at 11:00 a.m.