MICHIGAN BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
AUGUST 4, 2015 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Speech-Language Pathology met on August 4, 2015, at the Ottawa Building, Conference Room 4, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Bradford Swartz, PhD, CCC-SLP, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bradford Swartz, PhD, CCC-SLP, Chairperson
Erica Dwyer, MA, MATC, CCC-SLP, Vice-Chairperson
Brit Austin, MA, CCC-SLP
Jodi Cohen, CCC-SLP
Patrisha Mervenne, MS, CCC-SLP
Lynee Wells, Public Member

Members Absent: Janelle Best, Public Member
Christopher Mills, Public Member
Melissa Pynnonen, MD, MS
Jeffrey Weingarten, MD

Staff Present: Amy Schneider, Secretary Policy, Board and Special Programs Section
Cheryl Pezon, Manager, Board and Special Programs Section
Michael Siracuse, Policy Analyst, Board and Special Programs Section

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Dwyer, seconded by Mervenne, to approve the Minutes of May 5, 2015 as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Wells, seconded by Dwyer, to approve the Agenda, as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Lisa Grost, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the Children and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders, distributed packets containing information about the MDHHS Autism Program. Grost explained that three (3) positions at MDHHS have been allocated and funded to focus on Autism. The objective is to get autistic children under the age of six (6) years old who receive Medicaid benefits to see an applied behavior analyst. Evidence-based behavior therapy increases the behavior skills of autistic children, with average signs of improvement in three to four months. Services are available until a child/adult reaches 21 years of age.

Grost noted that there is a shortage of board certified Applied Behavior Analysts in Michigan. There are currently eight (8) universities in Michigan that offer a curriculum for Applied Behavior Analysts.

If a child is receiving Medicaid, a referral can be made to the local Community Mental Health (CMH) to request services from a CMH Autism Coordinator.

A question and answer period followed.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Health Professional Recovery Program Update

Siracuse provided an overview of the Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP) and explained the functions of the program.

Siracuse informed that a representative is needed for the Health Professional Recovery Committee (HPRC) to represent the Board of Speech-Language Pathology. Any

interested and eligible individual may send their letter of interest and curriculum vitae to Michael Siracuse at SiracuseM@michigan.gov. Board members cannot serve on the HPRC.

Siracuse stated he would provide Board members with the Health Professional Recovery Committee (HPRC) website information.

Department Update

Siracuse informed that the Board's Administrative Rules next step will be the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) for review.

Cheryl Pezon introduced herself as the new Board and Special Programs Manager and explained the purpose of the new Bureau of Professional Licensing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center (UL), Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Austin, seconded by Cohen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Bradford Swartz, PhD, CCC-SLP, Chairperson

11/3/2015
Date Minutes Approved

Prepared by:
Amy Schneider, Board Secretary

August 4, 2015