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**MICHIGAN BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY
RULES COMMITTEE WORK GROUP
MEETING MINUTES
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The Michigan Board of Audiology Rules Committee Work Group, met on August 16, 2020 via zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

Weston MacIntosh, Analyst, Boards and Committees Section, called the meeting to order at 8:44 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Stelios Dokianakis, AuD
Nicole Ferguson, AuD
Teresa Zwolan, AuD

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Rebecca Flores, Analyst, Licensing Division
Weston MacIntosh, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees Section
LeAnn Payne, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

Public Present: None

WELCOME

MacIntosh welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there are any concerns since the last meeting held on June 3, 2020.

R 338.6 (a) Foreign trained applicants; licensure requirements

Dokianakis stated that he researched his concern related to R 338.6 (a) and about foreign trained students. Dokianakis said that he compared the training with other countries, and he feels the point he raised at the last meeting is no longer valid. He feels the current language is right.

R 338.4 Supervised clinical experience; limited license requirements.

MacIntosh stated licensing of students was one of the items tabled at the last meeting for research.

Zwolan stated she did not have an opportunity to research.

Ferguson asked what would be the purpose of a limited license in this situation, and whether it would help the profession?

Zwolan stated she thought a limited license would allow a student to bill with a limited license. She said nine months of supervised clinical experience is a large expense with no real income.

Dokianakis stated he did not feel this was in the students or the professions best interest. He was concerned mistakes could happen.

Ferguson agreed with Dokianakis and that she wanted to protect the public.

Ferguson said liability insurance might not cover the circumstances.

MacIntosh stated the public health code granted an exemption from licensure for students.

Zwolan stated she agreed with the decision about the impracticalities of the licensing for students and appreciated the discussion.

The Committee was ready to present the draft rules to the Board.

MacIntosh explained the promulgation process.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.