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**MICHIGAN BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY  
RULES COMMITTEE WORK GROUP  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 3, 2020**

The Michigan Board of Audiology Rules Committee Work Group met on June 3, 2020 via zoom.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Weston MacIntosh, Analyst, Boards and Committees Section, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present:** Sharon Blackburn, AuD  
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 explained the Rules Committee Work Group process.

### **R 338.1 Definitions.**

MacIntosh explained that matched to the Public Health Code.

The Rules Committee agreed with changes.

### **R 338.1a Training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking: requirements.**

MacIntosh presented the language changes to the Committee.

The Rules Committee agreed with the changes.

### **R 338.2 Application for audiologist license; requirements**

MacIntosh explained he cleaned up a list of acceptable credentials, including the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A) from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) or an American Board of Audiology (ABA).

The Rules Committee agreed with the additions.

### **R 338.3 Licensure by endorsement; audiologist.**

The Rules Committee agreed with the additions.

### **R 338.4 Supervised clinical experience; limited license requirements.**

Ferguson asked if 9 months clinical experience was sufficient. Could it be 12 months for clinical experience?

MacIntosh stated that the statute had not necessarily kept up with the times.

Blackburn asked what other professions are doing?

Zwolan stated nine months was fine.

MacIntosh asked whether they still need a limited license in the rules.

Flores said that the Department has only issued two licenses in 2007 and 2011, and both licenses show a "lapsed" status.

Zwolan asked if a limited license should apply to fourth year students?

Ferguson said it was worth looking in to for the benefit to bill insurance companies.

Zwolan felt this needed more debate. She would check into whether a student can or cannot bill insurance and bring it to the next meeting.

### **R 338.5 Clinical experience requirements.**

No issues.

### **R 338.6 Foreign trained applicants; licensure requirements**

MacIntosh explained the Department has decided to remove the English language requirement from the health professions specific rules and put the requirement in the Public Health Code – General Rules.

Dokianakis wondered if the language in R 338.6 (a) was too restrictive for foreign students.

MacIntosh said that the current language required a “substantially equivalent” analysis.

Ferguson wondered if they should be more inclusive.

Blackburn said this can become a slippery slope.

MacIntosh stated that MCL 333.16811(1) stated “possess a degree in audiology.”

Ferguson shared Blackburn’s statement. She was not sure what the answer was but felt uncomfortable changing the wording.

Dokianakis’ concern was not to lower the bar. This section pertained to foreign applicants. He also did not want it to be too restrictive.

Dokianakis would research this topic and bring to the next meeting.

### **R 338.7 Examination; adoption; passing scores**

Committee did not have any concerns.

### **R 338.8 Educational standards; adoption by reference.**

MacIntosh stated he would double check standards before completion.

### **R 338.9 Relicensure**

Committee did not have any concerns.

### **338.10 License renewal; requirements; applicability**

MacIntosh explained that he made the language consistent with the statute, that accumulation of continuing education must occur before the end of the license cycle.

The Committee did not have any concerns.

**338.11 Acceptable continuing education; requirements; limitations**

The Committee did not have any concerns.

**338.12 Continuing audiology education programs; methods of approval.**

The Committee did not have any concerns.

**For the next meeting:**

Zwolan would research whether students can bill with a limited license.

Dokianakis would take the lead on researching foreign licensure requirements.

Adjournment 11:33 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MacIntosh adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Prepared by:  
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