

Meeting Minutes  
IOWA BOARD OF HEARING AID DISPENSERS  
August 6, 2012  
Lucas State Office Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room #526  
Des Moines, Iowa

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Gregory Moore, Chair.

**Members Present**

Gregory Moore, AUD, HAD  
Dotty Walters, AUD, HAD  
Stanley Haugland, MD, Public Member  
Jon McAvoy, Public Member  
Catherine Dangelser, AUD, HAD

**Staff Present**

Sharon Dozier, Board Executive  
Pam Griebel, AAG  
Barb Huey, Bureau Chief  
Tammy Hidlebaugh, Licensure Specialist  
Barb Christiansen, Administrative Assistant

**Public Present**

Diana Kautzky

**Review of Agenda**

No changes

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Haugland to approve the meeting minutes from May 7, 2012. A second was received from Walters. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

**Reports**

Board executive: Sharon Dozier reported on upcoming changes to the licensure examination process by the International Hearing Society. A beta testing period of the new exam is in process and will continue until 100 candidates have been tested. It is unlikely that any Iowa candidate will be affected by the beta testing, which will take 6 to 12 weeks for candidates to receive results. Once fully implemented, the new exam will be taken online at testing centers and scheduled by the candidates. There will be a fee increase from the current fee of \$95 to \$225

once the new exam system is rolled out. Tammy Hidlebaugh will continue to send letters to candidates of the test results, as well as the license once the exam is passed. Some rules changes will be needed, but no changes are expected to the current IHS exam contract.

Dozier also reported that she was contacted by a dual HAD/Audiology licensee with concerns regarding the new practice chapter in the rules. Dozier recommended that the board reestablish a Rules Committee to review the questions and concerns. She noted that the board also received correspondence from Miracle Ear that was not received in time to be put on the agenda for this meeting. This could also be reviewed by the Rules Committee and the committee can report back to the board.

Dozier further reported on the joint committee meeting of representatives of this board and the Board of Speech and Audiology, which was held on May 7, 2012, following the board meeting. The committee decided to present a proposal to their respective boards and come to a consensus. Dozier has since spoken with Judy Manning, board executive for the Board of Speech and Audiology (S/A), who stated that no decision was made at the S/A meeting; they are still researching the possibility of combining the two boards. Dozier will be scheduling the 2013 meeting dates soon and members agreed to continue with the current schedule of Monday meeting dates.

Bureau Chief: Barb Huey reported on the secure mail process that the Department is now using. Anything board related will be sent by secure email by the Bureau staff from this point forward. Barb asked if any members had problems opening up the secure mailings. The Amanda project is progressing and folders continue to be tested.

AAG: Pam Griebel reported on her review of internet and mail order sales. She concluded that the board does not have authority to prohibit such sales, as federal law would preempt a state law. Griebel also reported that agencies are being asked to be very specific when writing or changing rules, to reflect the board's authority of the rule by listing the applicable section in the law, not just the chapter. This is being requested because a hyperlink will be attached to the rules so that the public can read the law while reviewing rules on the website. Griebel further announced that the Governor's Office will provide another orientation for new board members on October 16, 2012. Griebel plans to again present on the legal aspects of serving on a board.

Chair: Gregory Moore appointed a new Rules Committee – Dotty Walters and Catherine Dangelser. Moore also reported on the joint committee meeting with representatives of the Board of Speech and Audiology (S/A) on May 7, 2012. HAD Board representatives Greg Moore and Jon McAvoy agreed that the S/A Board would need to again contact the HAD Board for further discussion when that board makes a decision on what they wish to pursue.

**Public Comment**

None

**Administrative Rules**

None

**Applications**

The list of issued licenses and temporary permits was provided

**Old Business**

In response to correspondence regarding Online and Internet hearing aid sales, AAG Griebel suggested a press release about the dangers of buying hearing aids by internet or mail order. Huey agreed to develop a press release about this issue. Diane Kautzky volunteered to serve on a committee to investigate this issue, also suggested was a participant from the Department on Aging, a participant from Consumer Protection, and Marvin Firch from the Bureau. Huey noted that Firch will take the lead on the project. Dozier will be the board contact, and Griebel will also be involved.

**New Business**

None

**Complaints**

Dotty Walters moved the board go into closed session to discuss confidential materials and complaints according to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1) a and d. A second was received from Haugland. Roll Call taken:

Walters - aye

Haugland - aye

McAvoy - aye

Dangler - aye

Moore - aye

Motion carried. The Board entered into closed session at 10:54 am.

The Board returned to open session at 11:41 am. The following actions were taken:

A motion was made by Haugland to close Case # 10-007. A second was received from McAvoy. Ayes 4, opposed none, abstain 1 (Walters), motion carried.

A motion was made by Dangelser to close Case #10-008. A second was received from McAvoy. Ayes 4, opposed none, abstain 1 (Walters), motion carried.

A motion was made by McAvoy to close Case #12-001. A second was made by Haugland. Ayes 4, opposed none, abstain 1 (Walters), motion carried.

A motion was made by McAvoy to close Case #12-002. A second was received from Dangelser. Ayes 4, opposed none, abstain 1 (Walters), motion carried.

**Remaining 2012 Board Meetings**

November 5, 2012

A motion was made by Haugland to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 am. A second was received from McAvoy. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

The minutes were approved at the November 5, 2012 board meeting.