

Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF HEARING AID DISPENSERS
May 7, 2012
Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, Iowa

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11 am by Gregory Moore, Chairman.

Members Present

Gregory Moore, Au.D., HAD
Dotty Walters, Au.D., HAD
Stanley Haugland, MD, Public Member
Jon McAvoy, Public Member
Catherine Dangelser, Au.D.

Staff Present

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

Public Present

Diana Kautzky
Jerry Smith
Todd Maas
Bev Thomas

Review Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Walters to approve the meeting minutes from the February 6, 2012 conference call. A second was received from Dangsler. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Haugland nominating Gregory Moore as chairperson. A second was received from McAvoy. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Haugland nominating Walters as vice chairperson. A second was received from McAvoy. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Reports

Executive: Sharon Dozier gave an apology to Dottie Walters for the February conference call and added a request to inform her or other staff if you do not receive a meeting agenda. Exams: There are 5 candidates enrolled to take the exam at DMACC. Exam stats were reviewed. Iowa Code Chapter 154A was included in the technical amendments bill, which passed on April 23, 2012. After the bill is signed by the Governor, the law will be effective on July 1.

Administrative rule amendments became effective on April 11, 2012. The amendments are in Chapter 124 (discipline), which removes “advertising” language and adds deferred convictions. Exam- The International Hearing Society (IHS) sent information about the upcoming online license examination. The transition includes beta testing at this time. Dozier will inquire about the next steps in the process. IHS has issued a position statement on their website for internet and mail order sales. Iowa Hearing Association Spring Conference: Marvin Firch from the Bureau of Professional Licensure gave a presentation on ethics. He requests feedback from any members who attended his presentation. Dozier provided current licensure statistics for the conference. .

Bureau Chief: Barb Huey noted that the Governor signed the IDPH technical amendments bill on May 2, 2012. AMANDA- The Bureau is currently testing the new licensure software, and the roll out is scheduled for the first of next year.

AAG: Pam Griebel gave an overview of a legislative proposal that could come up in a standings bill, which would have impact on the licensure boards. The new public information board regarding Iowa’s open meetings law is also important for boards to be aware of. One example is that electronic means of communication are subject to the legal requirements. Another area of discussion is a “sunset review” of all administrative rules. Annual Guidelines for Board Members: Griebel reviewed the guidelines and provided handouts for review by board members.

Board Chair: No Report

Public Comment

Diana Kautsky thanked the board for looking at Internet and mail order issues. She gave a summary of the concerns voiced at the most recent Iowa Hearing Society meeting. She stated that the public is being lured by the low cost of these products, but are missing a very important component of the programming and fit of the mail order hearing aid. Some states have decided that this is an illegal practice. The FDA is reviewing the practices of United Health Care. The state of Minnesota has issued a statement to the public, and Ms. Kautzky would like this board to follow suit. She noted that after receiving a mail order hearing aid, a patient is unable to use

their regular doctor or hearing aid dispenser because they will not have the programming software to make any adjustments. The warranty offer is very weak on these hearing aids. .
Ms. Kautzky read the statement from the Minnesota of Public Health.

Administrative Rules

None

Applications

6 licenses issued

1 temporary license issued

Old Business

None

New Business

Board members reviewed letters that were received regarding the Internet and mail order hearing aid sales.

AAG Griebel stated that she would need review the applicable laws to update her information on mail order hearing aids. She noted that any official statement would need to be issued by the Department of Public Health rather than the board.

Closed session

A motion was made by Haugland to enter into closed session at 12:19 pm to discuss confidential material related to applications and complaints according to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1) a and d. A second was received from McAvoy. A roll call vote was taken:

Moore - aye

Walters - aye

Haugland - aye

McAvoy - aye

Dangelser – aye

Motion carried to go into closed session at 12:19 pm.

The Board returned to open session at 12:35 pm.

A motion was made by Walters to close Case # 09-013. A second was received from McAvoy. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dangelser to close Case # 10-013. A second was received from McAvoy. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Remaining 2012 Board meetings

August 6, 2012

November 5, 2012

Adjournment

A motion was made by Haugland to adjourn the meeting at 12:38 pm. A second was received from McAvoy. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

The minutes were approved by the Board on August 6, 2012.