

IOWA BOARD OF HEARING AID DISPENSERS

August 5, 2013

Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room 526

Des Moines, Iowa

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dotty Walters, Vice Chair, at 10:03 am.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Dotty Walters, Au.D, HAD

Catherine Dangelser, Au.D, HAD

Jon McAvoy, Public Member

Jerry Smith, HAD

Jaime Secory, Public Member

Staff Present:

Sharon Dozier, Board Executive

Pam Griebel, AAG

Barb Huey, Bureau Chief

Tammy Hidlebaugh, Licensure Specialist

Guests Present:

Diana Kautzky, Woodard Hearing Centers and Iowa Hearing Association

Review Agenda

Dozier provided corrections: the rules noted as ARC 0792C are for adoption, and the closed session minutes for approval are from the May 6, 2013 board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by McAvoy to approve the meeting minutes of May 6, 2013. A second was received from Secory. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Reports

Administrator: Sharon Dozier reported on the following items: Twelve candidates are taking the standardized hearing exam at DMACC today. The February and May exam results were provided. There were 18 audits completed for the January 2013 license renewals, including random and grace period renewals. The proposed 2014 board meetings are listed on the agenda: February 3, May 5, August 4, and November 3, 2014.

Dozier reviewed the agenda, which has more details provided than previous agendas. She noted that the boards' assistant attorneys general recommended that all boards provide additional details on meeting agendas to fully apprise the public of the content of items for review. If a board member has a request for an agenda item, it may be brought up under New Business during the board meeting, or may be requested by two weeks preceding the scheduled meeting. In addition, all closed session board meeting minutes will be reviewed and approved by board members. The minutes will be reviewed during closed session, and then a motion will be made in open session to approve the minutes.

The administrative rules for adoption at today's meeting have been provided. The public hearing was held on July 2, and no comments were received. The Administrative Rules Review Committee (ARRC) reviewed the rules on July 9, and there were no comments on the noticed rules. If adopted at today's meeting, the rules will be effective October 9, 2013. The Rules Committee is meeting today following the board meeting. The public is welcome to attend.

Examinations: Dozier requested additional information from the International Hearing Society (IHS) about the implementation date for the computerized exam. Since there are examinations scheduled for the remainder of 2013, it was decided that the new exam may be implemented after January 1, 2014. The IHS exam contract addendum has been proposed for the implementation of the computerized exam, and Griebel will review for any additional revisions that may be needed. The current licensure exam fee is \$95, and this will increase to \$225 for the computerized exam. Regarding the board's discussion about the possibility of requiring a new practical examination, Dozier was advised by IHS that the practical exam is being revised, and is not currently available. More information will be available on this examination at a later date. The fee for the IHS practical exam will be approximately \$100. It is dependent upon a knowledgeable practitioner to administer. There are currently 11 states that use the IHS practical exam as part of their assessment of competency, and 5 states so far will change from a state practical exam to the IHS practical exam. The Board would need to administer the exam or contract with a knowledgeable practitioner/proctor. Candidates would provide their own instrumentation. The Board has not administered a practical exam for more than ten years. [See 2000 Iowa Acts, Ch. 1140.]

Bureau Chief: Barb Huey reported that she will have a written report by January of the financial information for each board. This will include the actual financial data for Fiscal Year 2013 and the projected data for Fiscal Year 2014. Huey will also have updated information regarding the AMANDA implementation.

AAG: Pam Griebel provided a review and summary of the restrictions on the sales of goods and services to state agencies. Griebel gave the history of the legislation on this topic, AG Office reviews, and the law changes in 2007. She highlighted the major provisions of the current law

and provided a written handout. Griebel encouraged board members to contact her with any questions. Griebel also reported that the Institute for Justice met with her and has held meetings with other state officials, with concerns about the restrictions and license or certification requirements for certain occupations and professions. SF 293 was introduced during last year's legislative session, but was not brought up in both chambers. The organization may introduce legislation again in 2014.

Rules Committee Report – No report, but will meet today.

Public Comment

Kautzsky thanked board members for their service.

Administrative Rules

The rules for adoption are the amendments to Chapters 121, 123, and 124 (examinations, practice requirements, online continuing education, and the advertising requirement for the practice location). The amendments were noticed as ARC 0792C. A motion was made by Walters and seconded by McAvoy to adopt these rules. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Applications

James Cahill submitted a written request to retake the examination. Walters stated that he had been informed before his fourth attempt that he would not be approved again. Walters made a motion to deny the application from James Cahill to retake the examination. Secory seconded the motion. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Correspondence was reviewed from Ronald Schauer, a licensed dispenser in North Dakota. Mr. Schauer requests information on Iowa's inclusion in the list of states not shipped to in magazine ads. After discussion, it was decided to request he send the advertisements for review.

Correspondence was reviewed from the International Hearing Society (IHS) regarding IHS recommendations for a license name change to Hearing Aid Specialist, and a recommendation to restrict hours for continuing education to accept only IHS approved courses. Dozier stated that a name change could be pursued at some point. Legislative changes would be needed, and the topic will be tabled for further discussion at a future date. Following discussion, Kautzky offered to request feedback from the membership of the Iowa Hearing Association on a possible name change.

Complaints

A motion was made by Smith to enter into closed session to discuss complaints and confidential material related to complaints in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1) “a” and “d.” A second was received from McAvoy. Roll call vote:

Smith aye

Walters – aye

Secory – aye

Dangelser – aye

McAvoy – aye

The motion carried. The Board went into closed session at 11:05 am. The board returned to open session at 11:20 am.

Hearings

None

Remaining 2013 board meetings

November 4, 2013

Adjournment

A motion was made by McAvoy and seconded by Dangelser to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 am. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:21 am.

The minutes were approved by the Board on November 4, 2013.