

Open Session Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF HEARING AID DISPENSERS
November 7, 2011
Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, Iowa

Call to Order and Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by Greg Moore, board chair, at 10:00 am.

Members Present: Greg Moore by phone, Jon McAvoy, Catherine Dangelser, Stan Haugland
Members Absent: Dotty Walters

Staff Present: Sharon Dozier, Board Executive, Tammy Hidlebaugh, Licensure Specialist, Barb Huey, Bureau Chief, Barb Christiansen, Administrative Assistant, and Pam Griebel, AAG.
Other staff attending: Judy Manning, Board Executive and September Lau, AAG, Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Public/Others Present: Chris Donner-Tiernan, Coral Jud, and Michael Tysklind, Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology; Todd Moss, Woodward Hearing Centers; Diana Kauzky, Woodward Hearing Centers & IHA; Bev Thomas, IHA.

Review Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 8/1/11 meeting. MSC: McAvoy/Dangelser
Unanimous.

Reports

Administrator- Sharon Dozier distributed copies of the new board rules and the current roster. She asked members to review the roster and make changes as necessary. Parking- information has been provided previously, but if anyone has questions, they may contact Tammy Hidlebaugh. Dozier noted that Jon and Catherine attended the Governor's Orientation held on October 3, 2011. The handouts from AAG Pam Griebel's presentation will be provided to the rest of the board members. Dozier explained that the Bureau procedure for review of complaints has been updated. All complaints and investigative information will be sent to all members of the board. Whenever possible, the information will be sent via email. The Discipline Committee will continue to review and provide recommendations. Other announcements: Twelve candidates are scheduled for the exam today at DMACC. The International Hearing Society conducted a survey of state and provincial licensing boards, and the results are available.

Bureau chief- Barb Huey reported on the IDPH legislative technical amendments bill, which includes the amendments in the enabling statute for this board. Huey anticipates the bill will be ready for submission by the end of November.

AAG- Pam Griebel noted that she presented at the Governor's Orientation on October 3, 2011. Griebel has been reviewing the board's laws and rules, and will be working with the board to update as needed.

Chair- Greg Moore attended the International Hearing Society licensing board meeting. Two major topics discussed were internet sales and allowing audiologists to dispense. He noted that a proposal from the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology to exempt audiologists from hearing aid dispenser licensure will occur under New Business.

Public Comment

The public requested they defer comments for the discussion under New Business.

Administrative Rules

Dozier noted that the amendments to Chapter 124 listed on the agenda will be presented for adoption at a later date as the first possible adoption date is November 9.

Applications

The board reviewed the list of nine licenses and two temporary permits issued.

Old Business – none

New Business

Technical amendments: Dozier reported that hearing aid dispensers are one of the professions that were added to Iowa Code Chapter 147. She provided a copy of the summary of the proposed amendments to Iowa code Chapter 154A, which amend the provisions that are duplicative or inconsistent with Chapter 147. A motion was made to approve the proposed technical amendments. MSC: Moore/Dangelser Unanimous.

The board recessed for a 5 minute break. The board returned at 10:25 am.

Complaints

Jon McAvoy made a motion to go into closed session under authority of Iowa Code section 21.5(1) a and d. Stan Haugland seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

Gregory Moore, aye
Stanley Haugland, aye
Catherine Dangelser, aye
Jon McAvoy, aye

The board moved into closed session at 10:30 a.m. The board returned to open session at 11:55 a.m.

A motion was made to close the following cases:

#10-009 MSC: McAvoy/Haugland Unanimous

#10-012 MSC: McAvoy/Haugland Unanimous

#11-001 MSC: McAvoy/Haugland Unanimous

#11-002 MSC: McAvoy/Haugland Unanimous

#11-003 MSC: McAvoy/Haugland Unanimous

New Business (2)

The representatives from the Speech Pathology and Audiologists Board presented. They noted that they are not making a formal proposal at this time, but would like to initiate discussion between the between the Speech Pathology and Audiology and the Hearing Aid Dispenser boards. Mike Tysklind discussed the possibility of exempting audiologists from being licensed to dispense hearing aids. Audiologists are allowed to evaluate and treat hearing disorders. Chris Donner-Tiernan would like to see some crossover in discipline between the two boards, and to review the fee structure of exempting audiologists from licensure as a hearing aid dispenser. Greg Moore voiced concern about the possibility one of the boards may become more lenient in maintaining professionalism. Coral Jud stated she envisions Speech Pathology as a separate board and the HAD and AUD components merging into one board. Greg Moore stated that the consumer needs to be put in the forefront of this discussion. Diana Kauzky requests any proposals be in writing for clarity of the issue. Dozier provided copies of the letter from the Speech Pathology & Audiology Board, which requests the exemption for audiologists from hearing aid dispenser licensure. Coral Jud is asking the Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers to agree to begin discussion with the Speech Pathology and Audiology Board. Chris Donner-Tiernan suggested forming a joint committee with members from both boards for preparing a proposal. Greg Moore asked the members of the Hearing Aid Dispensers Board whether they agree to the proposed joint committee. All members present at the meeting agreed to a committee to begin discussion, including Greg Moore, Jon McAvoy, Stan Haugland, and Catherine Dangelser. The committee will report any proposals to their respective boards for approval. Todd Maas volunteered to be part of the committee as a licensed hearing aid dispenser. Judy Manning noted that any discussion regarding speech pathology will require participation by a licensed speech pathologist on the committee. Greg Moore and Jon McAvoy agreed to serve on the committee, and Moore will also ask a hearing aid dispenser that does not hold an audiologist license to participate. The committee will schedule a teleconference sometime in January 2012. It was noted that 35 states have changed their law to allow audiologists to dispense without a hearing aid dispenser license.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. MSC: Dangelser/Haugland. Unanimous.

The minutes were approved at the February 6, 2012 board meeting.