South Carolina Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board Meeting Thursday, October 15, 2020 10:00 A.M. Via Teleconference

Board Members Present

Gwendolyn Wilson, Ed.D. CCC-A, Chairperson Beth F. Montgomery, CCC-SLP, Vice Chair Jason Wigand, Au.D., CCC-A Sarah Davis Emory, CCC-SLP

Absent Member

Elizabeth Bunge

Staff Present

Stacey L. Hewson, Advice Counsel Mack Williams, Administrator

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at 110 Centerview Drive Columbia, SC 29210 Board of Examiners in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology office, lobby of the Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

Call to Order

Dr. Wilson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., in accordance with the Governors order the regarding social distancing the meeting was held by video/teleconference.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented for review and approval.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of the minutes

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Mr. Wigand made a motion to approve the July 16, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval/Disapproval of absent members

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to approve the absence of Ms. Bunge The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>Office of Investigations Report:</u> Mr. Hinson, Office of Investigations presented the OIE statistical report and training report to the board. The Board accepted the reports as information.

Mr. Hinson presented the IRC report to the board. Cases 2020-7 and 2020-9 are recommended for letter of caution and Cases 2019-57 and 2020-5 are recommended for formal complaint.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation for Cases 2020-7 and 2020-9. The motion was not seconded the motion was not approved.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation for Case 2020-9. The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to move Case 2020-7 to a formal complaint. The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for the two (2) formal complaints case 2019-57 and 2020-5. The motion was seconded and approved.

Administrative Reports

<u>Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report</u>: Mr. Coggiola Office of Disciplinary Council, presented the ODC statistical report to the board. The board accepted the report as information.

<u>Finance Report</u>: Mr. Williams presented the finance report to the board. The board accepted the report as information.

Disciplinary Hearing

Memorandum of Agreement

Case 2020-4: The Respondent made a personal appearance before the board by video conferencing and was represented by Wesley Henderson, esq. Mr. Coggiola, Office of Disciplinary Council, presented the memorandum of agreement for case 2020-4 to the Board.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding case 2020-4. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session] No votes were taken during executive session.

<u>Motion:</u> In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>Motion:</u> In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to issue a non-disciplinary letter of caution. The motion was seconded and approved.

Consent Agreement

Case 2019-47: The Respondent did not make an appearance before the board and was not represented by legal counsel. Mr. Coggiola, Office of Disciplinary Council, presented the consent agreement to the Board.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to accept the consent agreement for case 2019-47. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dr. AnnMarie Knight: Dr. Knight addressed the Board regarding obtaining the 100 direct clinical practice hours through the use of telepractice for students in the speech assistant program.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding the matter. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session] No votes were taken during executive session.

<u>Motion:</u> In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion due to the current situation with COVID-19 and state of emergency the Board will accept fifty (50) of the (100) clinical hours through the use of telepractice and telesupervision. The motion was seconded and approved.

Bob Jones University: The Board reviewed the request submitted by Bob Jones University.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to accept up to 10hrs of clinical simulation. The motion was seconded and approved.

Initial Applications

<u>Virginia Mota:</u> Ms. Mota made a personal appearance before the board by video conferencing and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license to practice as a speech pathology assistant should be granted.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding the case. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session] No votes were taken during executive session.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to grant the license to practice as a speech pathology assistant. The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>Sally O'Connor:</u> Ms. O'Connor made a personal appearance before the board by video conferencing and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license to practice as a speech pathology assistant should be granted.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding the case. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session] No votes were taken during executive session.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to deny the application for the Speech Pathology Assistant license. The applicant did not have sufficient evidence of the 100 clinical hours in the undergraduate program. The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>Taylor Underwood:</u> Ms. Underwood made a personal appearance before the board by video conferencing and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license to practice as a speech pathology assistant should be granted.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding the case. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session] No votes were taken during executive session.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to deny the application for the Speech Pathology Assistant license. The applicant does not have the 100 clinical hours in the undergraduate program. The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>Casey Hindman:</u> Ms. Hindman made a personal appearance before the board by video conferencing and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if the speech pathology intern license should be reinstated.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding the case. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session] No votes were taken during executive session.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to approve the intern license. The intern plan must reflect the hours and setting will be serving South Carolina clients. The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>Jakemma McDaniel</u>: Ms. McDaniel made a personal appearance before the board by video conferencing and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if the speech pathology intern license should be reinstated.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Dr. Wigand made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding the case. The motion was seconded and approved.

[Executive Session] No votes were taken during executive session.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

In open session, the Board recommended that Ms. McDaniel withdraw the application for the intern license and apply for the ASHA certification.

Emily Champion: Ms. Champion made a personal appearance before the board by video conferencing and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the hearing was to determine if a license should be granted to practice as a speech language pathologist.

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Montgomery made a motion to grant the license to practice as a speech language pathologist. The motion was seconded and approved.

Continuing Education Request: The Board reviewed the continuing education request titled "The Basic Counseling Persons with Communication Disorders"

<u>Motion</u>: In open session, Ms. Emory made a motion to approve the continuing education request for one hour. The motion was seconded and approved.

Clarification of 40-67-300: The Board discussed section 40-67-300.

ASHA Letter requesting support for SLPAs: The Board discussed the letter submitted to the Board

ASHA Assistant Certification: The Board discussed the ASHA Assistant Certification and requirements.

Universal Licensure: The Board discussed Universal licensure.

Regulatory Review: The Board discussed updating the regulations

<u>Motion</u>: In open session: Ms. Emory made a motion to approve the 2021 meeting dates. The motion was seconded and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: In open session, Ms. Montgomery motioned to adjourn. The motion seconded and approved.

(The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.)

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Administrator Date