

**BOARD OF HEARING CARE PROVIDERS
PUBLIC MINUTES
August 22, 2016**

The Board of Hearing Care Providers (Board) meeting was held on Monday, August 22, 2016 at the Philbrook Building at 121 South Fruit Street, Concord, NH. Present and eligible to vote were: William Flanders, David Dachowski, Patricia Jabre and Terri Pastori, Esquire. The Board welcomed new member Krista Davison.

Robert Lamberti, Jr, Esquire, Rules Coordinator was also present.

Chairman Flanders opened the meeting at 4:05 p.m. and noted that the Public Hearing on the proposed rules 200-500 was open for public input. Courtney Keane from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, EHDI requested that a section be added to the rules dealing with infant screening that requires audiologists report to their agency regarding such screenings.

Cynthia Nulton and Julie Johnson, Audiologists from Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon requested the Board consider including specific guidelines around real ear verification. They notice that there is a lot of variability around real ear verification in the state and at this point guidelines are open for interpretation. Only 30 to 40% of audiologists are doing real ear verification.

Robert Bartolucci, Hearing Aid Dealer from Avada asked why the carryover hours were no longer allowed after the next registration period. It was explained that licensing will be on-line soon and carryover hours are not part of that program. We are the only Board that allows carryover hours. Hearing aid dealers are now licensed every two years and will be required to have 16 hours of continuing education.

The public hearing was closed at 4:35 p.m.

Robert Lamberti, Rules Coordinator requested the Board hold another meeting to discuss the public input and do a final vote on any changes. The Board set the next meeting for Monday, September 26th at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Lamberti said he would draft new rules to incorporate all the public comments; the current changes will no longer be highlighted but the new public changes will now be highlighted. The Board can then decide what they wish to include or delete.

Acceptance of Minutes:

On a motion by Terri, seconded by Patricia, that the minutes of the May 23, 2016 meeting be approved as written. Motion adopted.

Old Business: None

New Applicants:

Hearing Aid Dealer – Robert A. Ruel – Conditional Approval – On a motion by David, seconded by Patricia, that Robert A. Ruel be approved for registration contingent upon providing documentation that he is Board certified by IHS. Motion adopted.

Audiologists – Melissa M. Burt, Jessi Lee M. Figlewicz and Emily Troutman – On a motion by Krista, seconded by David, that Melissa Burt, Jessi Lee Figlewicz and Emily Troutman be approved for licensure as audiologists. Motion adopted.

New Business: None

Informational Items: None.

Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, September 26th at 4:00 p.m.

On a motion by Terri, seconded by David, that the Board go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II (c). The Board was polled and voted unanimously to go into non-public session.

William Flanders – Yes
David Dachowski - Yes
Patricia Jabre – Yes
Krista Davison - Yes
Terri Pastori - Yes

Whereupon the Board convened in non-public session at 5:05 p.m.

The Board reconvened in public session at 5:35 p.m.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Patricia, seconded by Krista, that the Board adjourn. Whereupon the Board adjourned at 5:35 p.m.