

MINUTES
UTAH
HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALIST BOARD
MEETING

January 9, 2008

Room 402 – 4th Floor - 9:00 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:47 p.m.

Bureau Manager:

Clyde Ormond

Board Secretary:

Jacky Adams

Board Members Present:

Lowell Brown, Chairperson
Morris Mower
David Simmons
Kent Milligan
Paul Littlefield

Board Members Absent:

Guests:

Michael Monahan, Accurate Hearing
Mike Lloyd, Edison Stanford
Robert Heygster, Hearing Healthcare Providers of Utah
Bruce Sharp, Hearing Healthcare Providers of Utah

DOPL Staff Present:

Robert Downard – Division Investigations Supervisor

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:
MINUTES:

Mr. Mower seconded by Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2007, Board Meeting, the motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

9:15 a.m. Dunford, C Brock – Supervisor Approval

Mr. Dunford did not appear for his scheduled appointment with the Board, to review his application for licensure as a Hearing Instrument Intern, with Mr. Robert Jepperson as his supervisor.

After a brief discussion Mr. Milligan seconded by Mr. Mower made a motion to approve Mr. Jepperson as Mr. Dunford's Hearing Instrument Internship Supervisor, the motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Use of “Audioprosthologist”

Mr. Ormond reminded the Board that at the last meeting in October, one of the discussion items was the use of “Audioprosthologist” by Hearing Instrument Specialists. After discussing this issue with this Board and the Speech-Language Pathology / Audiology Board, the Division has determined that the term indicates that the person has undergone additional training beyond what is required by statute to become a Hearing Instrument Specialist.

Utah Hearing Instrument Exam Changes

Mr. Ormond reviewed the changes to the current application, the Board approved of all changes. It was then determined that all licenses should be required to disclose where their principle place of business will be, this will be added to the new application.

Mr. Ormond explained that the Practical and ILE exams should be available for licensees by the end of February 2008. It was further explained that due to the length of time until the exams will be available the Division is willing to issue a Temporary license to any licensee who meets all requirements for licensure as a Hearing Instrument Specialist with the exception of passing the above stated exams. Mr. Heygster then stated that he was concerned with the number of individuals who are applying to take the Practical exam and then do not show, or are not prepared to take the exam. Explaining that if a rater takes time out of their practices to be at the test sight, the licensee should be prepared, and the rater should be compensated for their time. Mr. Ormond will contact PSI to ensure that if a rater appears for a Practical exam, they will be compensated, even if the licensee does not take the exam.

It was then determined that R156-46a should be modified to include violation of the Code of Ethics of the Hearing Healthcare Providers of Utah Association, should be considered to be Unprofessional Conduct.

Mr. Heygster then expressed the HHPU (Hearing Healthcare Providers of Utah’s) concern that any individual who applies to take the Practical exam should be licensed. Explaining that HHPU members feel that this could place the public in danger, due to the requirement that once an Intern passes the Practical exam they are no longer required to work under direct supervision. Mr. Ormond requested an outline of how HHPU felt that the process should work, and he will contact I H S to determine how other States are handling

similar situations. This issue was tabled until the April 9, 2008 Board Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Utah Law & Ruled Score Report

Reviewed with no further action taken.

Mr. Downard appeared to review the "Investigative Activity from October to December 2007". Reviewed with no further action taken.

ADJOURN:

9:46 p.m.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

July 9, 2008
Date Approved

(ss) Lowell Brown
Chairperson, Utah Hearing Instrument Specialist Board

July 17, 2008
Date Approved

(ss) Clyde Ormond
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing
