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**MINUTES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY  
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 9:00am

Embassy Suites  
9300 Baymeadows Rd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32256  
(904) 731-3555

**Call to Order**

Barbara Gaunt-Jaehne, Au.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

<p><b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b> Barbara Gaunt-Jaehne, Au.D., Chair Elena Pizarro-Zeigler, Au.D., Vice Chair K. Paul Boyev, MD Peter Johnson, PhD Stephen Steck Joseph Naulty</p> <p><b>MEMBERS ABSENT:</b> Barry Pendry, PhD</p>	<p><b>STAFF PRESENT:</b> Anthony Jusevitch, Executive Director Christy Robinson, Program Administrator Dror Lewy, Board Counsel Michael Lawrence, PSU Kathleen Brown-Blake, PSU</p> <p><b>COURT REPORTER:</b> Statewide Reporting Service 904-353-7706</p>
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**Please note- the minutes reflect the actual order that items were discussed during the meeting and may deviate from the agenda outline.**

**Review of Minutes:**

**Tab 1 - Review and Approval of CV for Anthony Jusevitch, Executive Director**

Mr. Jusevitch provided the members with a brief overview of his background and experience.

**Action Taken:** Dr. Gaunt-Jaehne moved to approve Mr. Jusevitch as Executive Director. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Gaunt-Jaehne asked the members to acknowledge they received and reviewed all of the meeting materials.

**Tab 2 - Minutes from March 4, 2010 General Business Meeting**

Staff was asked to correct typographical errors on page 5, line 18 and page 7, line 5. During the discussion, Mr. Steck commented the minutes did not adequately reflect his concerns related to involving consumers in the telepractice discussions that would be taking place in the future. He also indicated that Ms. Robinson failed to call him after the meeting as she indicated she would. Ms. Robinson apologized for not calling Mr. Steck and indicated she would add more detail to the minutes if Mr. Steck so desired.

1 **Action Taken:** After discussion, Dr. Johnson moved to approve the minutes with the corrections as  
2 presented. Mr. Steck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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4 **New Disciplinary Cases:**

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6 **Tab 3 - Jodi Ann Antonini - DOH Case #2009-19930 – Informal Hearing**

7 Allegations of Complaint: 456.072(1)(x)- fail to report a conviction; 456.072(1)(c)- being convicted of a  
8 crime related to the practice

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10 The respondent was present and represented by Walter Campbell, Esquire. Mr. Steck was recused  
11 from this case due to his participation on the probable cause panel. Mr. Lawrence represented the  
12 Department and presented the case to the Board.

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14 Dr. Johnson moved to adopt the agenda materials, including the investigative report into evidence. Dr.  
15 Pizarro-Zeigler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Dr. Gaunt-Jaehne moved to find that  
16 the respondent was properly served and requested an informal hearing before the Board. Dr. Johnson  
17 seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Dr. Johnson moved to adopt the findings of fact as  
18 presented in the administrative complaint. Dr. Pizarro-Zeigler seconded the motion, which passed  
19 unanimously.

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21 The Board then took testimony from the respondent.

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23 After the respondent's testimony, Dr. Johnson moved to adopt the conclusions of law as presented in  
24 the administrative complaint. Dr. Boyev seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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26 **Action Taken:** Dr. Gaunt-Jaehne moved to impose the following penalty:

- 27 • Reprimand
- 28 • \$1000.00 fine to be paid within 1 year of the Final Order
- 29 • 4 hours of continuing education in ethics to be completed within 1 year of the Final Order

30 Dr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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32 **Additional Action Taken:** Dr. Pizarro-Zeigler moved to assess costs in the amount of \$549.77 to be  
33 paid within 1 year of the Final Order. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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35 **Tab 4 - Jodi Resa Walsh - DOH Case #2009-18709 – Motion for Determination of Waiver and**  
36 **Entry of Final Order Following Hearing**

37 Allegations of Complaint: 456.072(1)(q)- violate an order of the Board

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39 The respondent was not present or represented by counsel. Mr. Steck was recused from this case due  
40 to his participation on the probable cause panel. Mr. Lawrence represented the Department and  
41 presented the case to the Board.

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43 Dr. Gaunt-Jaehne moved to adopt the agenda materials, including the investigative report into  
44 evidence. Dr. Pizarro-Zeigler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Dr. Johnson moved to  
45 find that the respondent was properly served and waived their rights to a hearing before the Board. Dr.  
46 Pizarro-Zeigler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Dr. Pizarro-Zeigler moved to adopt  
47 the findings of fact as presented in the administrative complaint. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion,  
48 which passed unanimously. Dr. Gaunt-Jaehne moved to adopt the conclusions of law as presented in  
49 the administrative complaint. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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51 **Action Taken:** After discussion, Dr. Johnson moved to impose the following penalty:

- 52 • Reprimand
- 53 • \$1000.00 Fine to be paid within 1 year of the Final Order

- 1           • Suspension until such time that the respondent has complied with all terms of the previous  
2 Final Order

3 Dr. Boyev seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.  
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5 **Additional Action Taken:** Dr. Johnson moved to assess costs in the amount of \$401.90 to be paid  
6 within 1 year of the Final Order. Dr. Pizarro-Zeigler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.  
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8 **Miscellaneous Disciplinary Matters:**  
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10 **Tab 5 - Lucille A. Carano – Motion to Vacate Non-Disciplinary Citation in DOH Case #2010-11424**

11 The respondent was not present or represented by counsel. Mr. Lawrence represented the  
12 Department and presented the case to the Board.  
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14 **Action Taken:** After discussion, Ms. Steck moved to vacate the non-disciplinary Final Order. Dr.  
15 Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.  
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17 **No Tab – Prosecutors Report**

18 Mr. Lawrence provided the Board with an overview of the current case statistics. He also introduced  
19 Kathleen Brown-Blake as the new prosecuting attorney for the Board.  
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21 **Licensure Appearances:**  
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23 **Tab 6- Monica Reyes – Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Applicant**

24 Ms. Reyes was present without counsel. Ms. Reyes advised the Board that she was not proficient in  
25 English and asked her daughter, Maria Fusari, to assist her with translating the proceedings. Ms.  
26 Reyes was required to appear before the Board with her proposed supervisor to discuss her  
27 application, educational training and proposed duties as an assistant as listed on the activity plan. Ms.  
28 Reyes advised the Board she procured a new supervisor and submitted an amended application  
29 reflecting such. During the interview, the Board expressed continued concerns with her ability to treat  
30 English speaking patients with competency.  
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32 **Action Taken:** After much discussion, Dr. Boyev moved to table the application and require an  
33 appearance at the next meeting with the new supervisor. Mr. Steck seconded the motion, which  
34 passed with unanimously.  
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36 **Tab 7 - Idalmis Turrelles – Speech-Language Pathology Assistant**

37 Ms. Turrelles was present without counsel. Ms. Turrelles was required to appear before the Board to  
38 discuss her application and educational experience as it related to 64B20-4.002(b), F.A.C.  
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40 **Action Taken:** After discussion, Dr. Johnson moved to deny the application for assistant licensure.  
41 Dr. Gaunt-Jaehne seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.  
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43 **Tab 8 - Kathryn Revolinski – Audiology Licensure**

44 Ms. Revolinski was present without counsel. Ms. Revolinski was required to appear before the Board  
45 to discuss her criminal conviction.  
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47 **Action Taken:** After discussion, Dr. Pizarro-Zeigler moved to grant the license with the following  
48 condition:

- 49           • The license shall be issued in probation status to run concurrent with the criminal probation  
50 Dr. Johnson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.  
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1 **Tab 9 - Francesca Correa – Speech-Language Pathology Licensure**

2 Ms. Correa was present with Daniel Cahoon. Ms. Correa was required to appear before the Board to  
3 discuss her educational background. Ms. Correa asked the Board to waive the requirements for  
4 education pursuant to Chapter 468.1155(2)(b), F.S. During the interview Ms. Correa noted she  
5 contacted a credential evaluation agency and was told they would not look at the actual course subject  
6 matter in making a determination. It was suggested that Ms. Correa consider having her education  
7 evaluated by a director of an accredited Speech-Language Pathology program.  
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9 Ms. Correa agreed to waive her 90 day rights for the record.

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11 **Action Taken:** After discussion, Dr. Johnson moved to table the application to allow her an opportunity  
12 to obtain an evaluation or educational comparison. Dr. Pizarro-Zeigler seconded the motion, which  
13 passed unanimously.  
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15 **General Business / Correspondence:**

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17 **Tab 10 - Continuing Education Audit Report- Audiology & Audiology Assistants**

18 Mr. Jusevitch explained the methodology for conducting random audits would be changing in the near  
19 future. Staff was asked to obtain clarification as to if the reports pertained to only Audiology or if they  
20 included speech-language pathology.  
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22 **Tab 11 - Discussion Regarding Department Unlicensed Activity Campaign**

23 Mr. Jusevitch explained the Department wanted to do a profession wide unlicensed activity (ULA)  
24 campaign. The Board indicated they were supportive of the concept. They voiced concern about the  
25 current budget crisis and depletion of their ULA funds, when they have not been allowed in recent years  
26 to do their own outreach. Staff was asked to obtain more information on the methodology for  
27 determining how much money will come out of each profession's ULA fund. Staff was also asked to get  
28 Dr. Johnson the previous ULA campaign information for his review.  
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30 **Tab 12 - PRN Monthly Report for July 2010**

31 Informational only.  
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33 **Reports:**

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35 **A. Chair Report – Barbara Gaunt-Jaehne, Au.D.**

36 No report.  
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38 **B. Board Counsel Report and Rules Discussion – Dror Lewy, Esq.**  
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40 **Tab 14 – September 2010 Rules Report**

41 Mr. Lewy explained he would have draft language for the disciplinary guidelines at the next meeting.  
42 Ms. Robinson advised she would also be making additional changes to the applications for review at  
43 the next meeting.  
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45 **C. Executive Director Report – Anthony Jusevitch, Executive Director**  
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47 **Tab 15 - Review and Approval of 2011 Meeting Dates**

48 There was discussion about the meetings not being held on Thursdays. Mr. Jusevitch advised he  
49 would look at the meeting schedules of the other professions he oversees and email the members with  
50 new proposed meeting dates.  
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52 Mr. Jusevitch provided the members with the amount of money taken from their balance during the two  
53 trust fund sweeps: \$1,856, 809 in fiscal year 2008-2009 and \$49,902 in fiscal year 2009-2010. Staff  
54 was asked to email the members the balance that remained after each sweep.

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2 **D. Budget Liaison Report – Stephen Steck**

3 Mr. Steck had no report.  
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5 **E. Board Liaison Reports:**  
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- 7     ▪ Application – Barbara Gaunt-Jaehne (Audiology) & Peter Johnson (Speech)  
8         Dr. Johnson provided a report of the applications reviewed as the application liaison.  
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- 10    ▪ Budget Liaison – Stephen Steck  
11         No report.  
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- 13    ▪ Build Alliances/Communication – Barbara Gaunt-Jaehne  
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- 16    ▪ Community Relations – Stephen Steck  
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- 19    ▪ Continuing Education – Barry Pendry  
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- 22    ▪ Laws and Rules – Elena Pizarro-Ziegler  
23         No report.  
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- 25    ▪ Unlicensed Activity – Elena Pizarro-Zeigler (Audiology) & Peter Johnson (Speech)  
26         No report.  
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28 **General Rules Discussion:**  
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30 **Tab 13 - Discussion Regarding Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Telepractice**  
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32 Robert Fifer, PhD, CCC-A provided testimony on the issues and trends in telepractice. He stressed the  
33 application of audiology and speech-language pathology via telepractice would differ greatly. He  
34 suggested various topics the Board should consider addressing:

- 35     • Technology used and system requirements.  
36     • Appropriate activities and treatment versus inappropriate activities and treatment.  
37     • Specification of disorders and patients that would not be appropriate for telepractice.  
38     • Appropriate application and ancillary personnel requirements.  
39     • HIPPA and patient privacy issues.  
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41 Dr. Fifer also suggested obtaining information from the following individuals or entities:

- 42     • Other state licensing agencies or boards.  
43     • State and national associations.  
44     • Universities.  
45     • Vendors and manufacturers of telepractice equipment.  
46     • Information technology experts (regarding system requirements, etc.).  
47     • Physicians that may have experience in the field or in telepractice.  
48     • American Telepractice Association.  
49     • American Academy of Pediatrics.  
50     • American Academy of Otolaryngology.  
51     • Hearing Loss Association and other consumer groups.  
52     • AARP (once draft rules have been created).  
53     • National Council for State Boards.

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2 There was discussion about reimbursement of telepractice services through Medicare and Medicaid.  
3 Dr. Fifer suggested the Florida Legislature may consider changing the laws regarding this issue to allow  
4 for reimbursement if it could be documented that telepractice saved money or improved quality of care  
5 or life.  
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7 It was suggested the introduction or expansion of telepractice may assist in speech-language pathology  
8 shortages in schools and rural areas.  
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10 Mr. Steck voiced concern with undertaking this issue if there were more important issues that should be  
11 addressed. Dr. Gaunt-Jaehne recommended telepractice be a high priority for the Board to look at.  
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13 Dr. Gaunt-Jaehne volunteered to work with Dr. Fifer to create questions and topics of discussions to be  
14 used when contacting interested parties and stakeholders. Mr. Lewy volunteered to obtain the laws  
15 and rules from the other states that already have guidelines in place.  
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17 **There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.**