

**Louisiana Board of Examiners for  
Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology**

**March 20, 2020**

**Attending:**

**Glenn M. Waguespack, L-AUD, Chairperson  
Erica A. Chatelain, L-SLP, Vice Chairperson  
Deanna B. Hardy, Public Board Member, Secretary/Treasurer  
Leigh Anne Baker, L-SLP, Board Member  
Jerrilyn Frasier, L-AUD/SLP, Board Member  
Annette E. Hurley, L-AUD, Board Member**

**Absent:**

**Lucie LeDoux, L-AUD/SLP, Board Member**

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Waguespack at 8:00 a.m. via a Zoom conference call based on Governor John Bel Edwards' Executive Order 2020-30 due to a public health emergency. Jolie Jones, Executive Director, Marcy Ricca, Administrative Assistant, and Tracy Jeanmarie, Executive Assistant, were present for the entirety of the call.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No one joined the call to provide public comments.

**AGENDA:**

**Motion** was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Erica Chatelain and unanimously carried, to adopt the Agenda as amended to add 4. Need for Emergency Rules and 5. Correspondence under Admin Review.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:**

**1. Telehealth concerns/HHS statement**

Board members discussed inquiries from licensees about the requirement for the provision of services via telehealth requirement to be secure and encrypted. The Board will share a link to the Office for Civil Rights Bulletin regarding HIPAA Privacy and Novel Coronavirus dated February 2020, to guide licensees in their service delivery.

**2. Direct Supervision**

The Board previously voted to adopt the CFCC policy relating to supervision to allow Provisional Speech-Language Pathologists to accumulate their 36 weeks of post-graduate professional employment experience through telepractice from March 16 – April 30, 2020.

LBESPA requires completion of 36 weeks with 16 monitoring activities annually, at least 8 of those must be direct patient/client contact hours. A minimum of 80% of a Clinical Fellow's work week must be spent in direct client/patient contact, which includes the full scope of case management. The remaining 20% may be spent on indirect activities, such as attending info sessions, professional development, giving in-service training, etc.

**Motion** was made by Annette Hurley, seconded by Erica Chatelain, and unanimously carried to adopt the same allowance as CFCC to relax the rules to allow Provisional Speech-Language Pathologists to acquire experiences by:

- completing report writing, notes, billing, IFSPs/IEPs, etc.;
- virtually consulting with teachers or Child Study Team members;
- planning and preparing testing schedules for the end-of-year testing;
- preparing additional take-home packets for their students to use to assist with making up missed sessions; and/or
- completing indirect observations with their CF mentor in the form of reviewing documentation/cases.

The Board will add a statement to the Supervision Form 100s to indicate the dates that the licensee was impacted by COVID19 for service delivery.

**3. Completion of the supervision requirements for Provisional SLPs**

The Board discussed barriers to the completion of the supervision requirements for Provisional Speech-Language Pathologists.

**4. Need for Emergency Rules**

Board members discussed the need for emergency rules related to the provision of services via telehealth. Since the Board's rules changes have not yet been finalized, telepractice is not specifically prohibited for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants and Provisional Speech-Language Pathology Assistants; and therefore, the Board does not feel that it is necessary to initiate emergency rules at this time. The same supervision requirements apply to telehealth as are required face-to-face.


The Board voted to share links to the Office for Civil Rights Bulletin regarding HIPAA Privacy and Novel Coronavirus dated February 2020, to guide licensees in their service delivery.

**5. Correspondence**

A board member was contacted by an Audiologist who inquired if the Board would be sending a statement regarding closures. The Board does not have authority to require facility closures.

**Motion** was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED BY:**

  
Glenn M. Waguespack, MS, L-AUD, CCC-A  
Chairperson

  
Deanna Hardy, Public Board Member  
Secretary/Treasurer