

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

March 18, 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
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 and Marcy Ricca, Administrative Assistant, were present for the entirety of the call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one was available to provide public comments.

AGENDA:

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Annette Hurley and unanimously carried, to adopt the Agenda as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

- 1. Governor John Bel Edwards' Executive Order 2020-30**
Board members discussed Governor John Bel Edwards' Executive Order 2020-30 and the implications of Section 4 on open meeting laws.

- 2. CFCC Statement**
The Board reviewed the CFCC statement relating to supervision for Provisional Speech-Language Pathologists/Clinical Fellows. The Board voted to adopt the same 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. The Board understands that telepractice is not an option in all settings, so CFCC has provided the additional guidance and tips below to help Provisional Speech-Language Pathologists continue their CF experience, even if they cannot directly practice with clients/patients/students at this time.

ASHA certification standards require a CF experience to be a minimum of 36 weeks and 1,260 hours, while LBESPA requires completion of 36 weeks. 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 in "other" activities, such as attending info sessions, professional development, giving in-service training, etc. The CFCC has relaxed the "work week" requirement between March 16 – April 30, 2020, to allow Clinical Fellows to count hours and acquire weeks of experience (there is a 5-hour minimum for a week to count) in the ways below, provided your employer and CF mentor are in agreement. **The Board has also adopted the same allowance 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.

3. Renewal Modifications

The Board decided that no renewal modifications are needed at this time in response to the public health emergency.

4. Direct Supervision for Supervisees

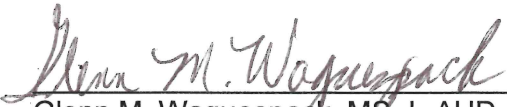
Board members discussed concerns relating to individuals whose school systems are not set up to provide telehealth services. The Board voted to allow phone conferencing as "direct supervision" is only acceptable for counseling patients/families via phone/IEP meetings. It is not appropriate for Provisional SLP is providing therapy services to a child and the supervisor is not able to virtually join the session via a video conference.

5. Telehealth Platforms

Board members discussed telehealth platforms. The Board reiterated that the provision of telehealth services must be completed in accordance with the Rules, via a secure encrypted platform. The Board does not have a list of acceptable platforms.

Motion was made by Erica Chatelain, seconded by Deanna Hardy and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:


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


Deanna Hardy, Public Board Member
Secretary/Treasurer