LOUISIANA BOARD FOR HEARING AID DEALERS

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 9, 2018 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

The Meeting of the Louisiana Board for Hearing Aid Dealers was called to order at 9:01a.m. on June 9, 2018 at Embassy Suites Baton Rouge, LA by Kirt Loupe, Board Chairman.

Visitor(s): Edward Louis Toohey, Carleen Toohey, & Craig Davidson

The roll was called. Those present were Kirt Loupe, Jeremy Stroud, Emily Goerges, Cherry Collum, Jenelle Sharp, Mary Christy, Bryan Stinson & Barbara Matens. Dina Zeevi, the Board’s Administrative Secretary was present to take the minutes of the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Edward Louis Toohey & Carleen Toohey read dispute letter re: CEU denial and review, & questioned Corp. Form Ownership request information directed at their company.

**AGENDA**

Jeremy Stroud made a motion to approve the June 9, 2018 agenda. Mary Christy 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the January 25, 2018 meeting were presented to the Board in form of an advanced email. Bryan Stinson made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve. Mary Christy 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Presented by Jeremy Stroud. Proposed Budget presented. Bryan Stinson made a motion to approve, Cherry Collum 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT**

Presented by Dina Zeevi. Reviewed LABHAD updates to new la.gov email, online QB database, Review of COEs, License Applications, Attorney Requested Complaints, Reformatting of Licensing Act & ByLaws, Update Corp Form, Cancelled Lease contract, Downloaded Licensing Act to State Boards & Commissions site, submitted Approved August Minutes to State Library & State website, updated LABHAD information with La. Dept. of Health, Request assignment of Elderly Consumer to State, Request State Health Officer replacement representative, Mass mail licensees, updated Board Information & Purchase Agreement update requirement and mass mailed to all hearing aid dealers.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

Jeremy Stroud presented the licensees update information, TTPs issued, etc. Bryan Stinson made a motion to approve the Secretary Report, Cherry Collum 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ETHICS COMMITTEE:** Chair Jenelle Sharp- Review during Executive Session @ end of regular meeting.

**EXAMINATION COMMITTEE:** Chair(s) Mary Christy & Bryan Stinson- 3 Exams. Mary Christy reports LABHAD will need majority of Board to proctor. Test may take 2-3 hours.

LABHAD voted to use IHS Practical Examinations Packets and contracted with IHS for the test packets.

**LEGISLATIVE** COMMITTEE: Chair Jeremy Stroud- Reviewed HB199, HB474, SB40, SB235, HB790 tabled until next meeting.

Break 10:08am Resumed 10:20am

**OFFICE INSPECTION COMMITTEE:** Chair Emily Goerges- discussed updating Office Inspection Form. Jeremy Stroud made a motion to approve Office Inspection Form update pending legal review, Mary Christy 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Telecare: Administrative Secretary read IHS opinion, discussed HIPAA concerns. LABHAD will have legal counsel review. Bryan Stinson made a motion to table until next meeting, Mary Christy 2nd motion. All in favor, approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Task Force, Senate Resolution #65, Oversight Committee-Jeremy Stroud. Nothing to report.

2. Previous Amendments approved at January 2018 meeting. Jeremy Stroud made a motion that all motions to Licensing Act made at the January 2018 meeting be rescinded. Bryan Stinson 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously.

3. Brown Hearing Center appeal of CEU denial. Discussion regarding Licensing Act statute language. LABHAD will recognize CEU courses approved by IHS, AAA, ASHA as long as they do not cover state specific laws and/or ethics outside of Louisiana. Bryan Stinson made a motion upon further review of materials submitted, Brown Hearing Center now meets requirements and CEU request is approved. Mary Christy 2nd motion. All in favor, approved unanimously.

4. Annual License Renewal- will be electronically mailed. Bryan Stinson made a motion to request License Renewal Form add question as listed on Original Application Form #16 add ‘in the past year’. Emily Fonte 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously.

5. Corporate Form- Bryan Stinson made a motion to approve pending update with legal counsel review requesting ownership information. Barbara Matens 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously.

**DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT 2019 MEETING/PRACTICAL EXAMINATION**

LABHAD meeting January 27, 2019 @ 8:00am @ Embassy Suites Hotel Baton Rouge, La.

Practical Examination Thursday January 24, 2019 @ 8:30am @ Embassy Suites Hotel Baton Rouge, La.

Emily Fonte made a motion to approve, Cherry Collum 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously.

Mary Christy made a motion to adjourn public meeting and open Executive Session. Jeremy Stroud 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously.

Ethics Committee reviewed Complaint #109 2-18

Upon Review of all information received, Jenelle Sharp, Chair of the Ethics Committee recommends to dismiss complaint as there are no Licensing Act statutes violations.

LABHAD reviewed complaint and information and Bryan Stinson made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the Ethics Committee and dismiss complaint #109 2-18. Emily Fonte 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously.

Bryan Stinson made a motion to end Executive Session and adjourn meeting. Mary Christy 2nd the motion. All in favor, approved unanimously.

Louisiana Board for Hearing Aid Dealers meeting adjourned at 11:53a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dina Zeevi

Administrative Secretary-LABHAD