

Compliance Division Staff Report
Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Board Meeting
June 30, 2017

Public Outreach – Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association

- Staff attended the TSHA annual conference in Austin, TX on February 23 – 25, 2017.
- Staff gave licensing presentations to students at Texas Woman’s University, University of North Texas, Texas Christian University, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, and Texas A&M University at Kingsville in April, 2017.

Health Professions Section Update

- The Health Professions Section remains focused on maintaining and improving the operation of the seven Phase I programs transferred from DSHS, including the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Program.
- Compliance staff have been working with staff from IT, Licensing, and Customer Service to create and enhance an online supervision function.
- Compliance Division and General Counsel staff are supporting the Standard of Care workgroup, which met January 30. The workgroup is reviewing definitions and supervision language in the program rules.
- Compliance staff attended the Enforcement workgroup meeting, which is finalizing the SPA penalty matrix.
- Section staff are continuing to prepare for the SB 202, Phase II program transition, scheduled for 11/1/2017. In Phase II, 6 additional programs from DSHS will transfer to TDLR (massage therapy, sanitarians, code enforcement officers, offender education providers, mold assessors/remediators, and laser hair removal facilities/personnel). The Commission will be voting to adopt proposed rules at the July 14, 2017 Commission meeting.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS ADVISORY BOARD

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Current Projects

Relocating

We have completed our transition to the North Campus, in suite 105W.

Education and School Services – Accreditation & Certification

Transfer of the Health Services Programs- Phase II

The following programs will come to TDLR from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) as authorized by Senate Bill 202, 84th Regular Session, on November 1, 2017:

- Code Enforcement Officers
- Laser Hair Removal
- Massage Therapy
- Mold Assessors and Remediators
- Offender Education Providers
- Sanitarians

Continuing Education Course Completion Record Fees

CE Completion Fees Totals Invoiced for fiscal year \$1,138,315.00

Total Payments Received for fiscal year \$ 990,535.00

Current Balance Due (as of April 30, 2017) **\$ 147,781.00**

Total E-Mail Answered by Staff

(as of April 30, 2017)

MONTH	FY2017	FY 2016	FY 2015
September	1,158	1,389	
October	1,263	1,060	
November	744	996	
December	653	760	
January	955	1,060	
February	974	1,047	
March	1,463	994	
April	981	966	
TOTAL	8,191	8,272	0

Statistics and Trends

Because Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists take a Written National Examination, we will not have statistics for examinations. We will perform random audits on Continue Education courses and will show those statistics and trends.

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Case Highlights

- On February 28, the TDLR Executive Director signed an Agreed Final Order, closing the case against Dava Montgomery, based on an agreement between the Respondent and the Texas Department of State Health Services. The State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and the Respondent agreed to the \$250 penalty for billing for services not rendered, prior to the program being transferred to TDLR.
- On February 28, the TDLR Executive Director signed an Agreed Final Order, closing the case against Charla Woodle, based on an agreement between the Respondent and the Texas Department of State Health Services. The State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and the Respondent agreed to the \$250 penalty for unlicensed activity, prior to the program being transferred to TDLR.
- On March 1, the TDLR Executive Director signed an Agreed Final Order, closing the case against Candace Tamez, based on an agreement between the Respondent and the Texas Department of State Health Services. The State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and the Respondent agreed to the \$200 penalty for working with an expired license, prior to the program being transferred to TDLR.
- On May 17, the Executive Director signed an Agreed Order assessing a penalty of \$1,500 against Jerica Jael Cox for billing for services that she did not provide. This case originated with a complaint TDLR received on October 24, 2016 and is the first case in this program to be received, investigated, prosecuted, and closed entirely by TDLR

Recent Accomplishments and Current Projects

- On March 22 and May 23, met with the enforcement workgroup from the Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Advisory Board, to develop a penalty matrix for this program. The advisory board members appointed to this workgroup are Dr. Cristen Culp, Dr. Tammy Camp, and Sherry Sancibrian. This matrix is on the agenda today for your consideration.
- We have begun inviting selected members of the health profession advisory boards to serve as expert witnesses when needed in enforcement cases. Through individual email invitations, we are explaining the expectations of an expert witness, and requesting the candidates complete a questionnaire detailing their background and qualifications. We have already received several affirmative responses.

Key Statistics

Shown below are key statistics for the Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists program and for all TDLR programs combined through May of Fiscal Year 2017.

<u>Statistic</u>	<u>SPA</u>	<u>TDLR</u>
• Number of cases opened:	88	9,549
• Number of cases resolved:	39	9,197
• Number of Agreed Orders:	5	1,803
• Total amount of penalties assessed:	\$2,600	\$4,150,354
• Total amount of penalties collected:	\$2,600	\$1,947,552

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SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

	1ST Quarter FY 2017	2nd Quarter FY 2017	3rd Quarter FY 2017
New Licenses Issued	106	140	266
Renewed Licenses Issued	1,623	1,852	1,566
Online Renewals	1,690	1,759	1,498
% Renewed Online	96%	94%	96%
Total Population	13, 585	13,627	13,853

SPEECH ASSISTANT

	1ST Quarter FY 2017	2nd Quarter FY 2017	3rd Quarter FY 2017
New Licenses Issued	57	77	71
Renewed Licenses Issued	439	529	475
Online Renewals	345	427	364
% Renewed Online	79%	81%	77%
Total Population	4,555	4,483	4,495

SPEECH INTERN

	1ST Quarter FY 2017	2nd Quarter FY 2017	3rd Quarter FY 2017
New Licenses Issued	33	52	71
Renewed Licenses Issued	3	4	2
Online Renewals	3	4	2
% Renewed Online	100%	100%	100%
Total Population	758	734	651

SPEECH TEMPORARY

	1ST Quarter FY 2017	2nd Quarter FY 2017	3rd Quarter FY 2017
New Licenses Issued	3	1	0
Renewed Licenses Issued	0	0	0
Online Renewals	0	0	0
% Renewed Online	0	0	0
Total Population	3	1	0

AUDIOLOGIST

	1ST Quarter FY 2017	2nd Quarter FY 2017	3rd Quarter FY 2017
New Licenses Issued	10	9	12
Renewed Licenses Issued	160	141	146
Online Renewals	86	123	133
% Renewed Online	57%	87%	91%
Total Population	1,279	1,274	1,289

AUDIOLOGIST ASSISTANT

	1ST Quarter FY 2017	2nd Quarter FY 2017	3rd Quarter FY 2017
New Licenses Issued	0	2	1
Renewed Licenses Issued	0	0	2
Online Renewals	0	0	2
% Renewed Online	0	0	100%
Total Population	14	18	20

AUDIOLOGIST INTERN

	1ST Quarter FY 2017	2nd Quarter FY 2017	3rd Quarter FY 2017
New Licenses Issued	0	2	31
Renewed Licenses Issued	0	0	1
Online Renewals	0	0	0
% Renewed Online	0	0	0
Total Population	58	57	70