MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2015
BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Brennan called the meeting of the Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists to order on Friday, June 5, 2015 at 1:11 p.m. in the Nebraska State Office Building, Lower Level Conference Room B, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of Meeting and Agenda at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Brennan announced that this is a public meeting and the Open Meetings Law is posted.

ROLL CALL

The following HIS Board members and staff were present:

Dr. Mark Brennan, Chair
Dr. Sandra Miller, Secretary
Michael Pierce, Public Member
Ed Vierk, Assistant Attorney General
Misti Lutt-Chmiel, Vice-Chair
Ed Granger, Professional Member
Rene' Tiedt, Program Manager
Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, Department Legal
Jacye LaFayette-Dymacek, Health Licensing Coordinator

Dr. Britt Thedinger was absent from the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Lutt-Chmiel moved, seconded by Mr. Granger to approve the revised agenda. Voting aye: Brennan, Granger, Lutt-Chmiel, Miller, and Pierce. Voting nay: None. Absent: Thedinger. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Lutt-Chmiel to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2015 meeting. Voting aye: Brennan, Granger, Lutt-Chmiel, Miller, and Pierce. Voting nay: None. Absent: Thedinger. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Pierce moved, seconded by Dr. Miller to go into closed session at 1:13 p.m. for the purposes of discussing matters involving investigations. Voting aye: Brennan, Granger, Lutt-Chimel, Miller, and Pierce. Voting nay: None. Absent: Thedinger. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Granger to return to open session at 1:40 p.m. Voting aye: Brennan, Granger, Lutt-Chmiel, Miller, and Pierce. Voting nay: None. Absent: Thedinger. Motion carried.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

The Board received a request for an opinion at the February 4, 2015 meeting concerning whether all tasks related to the fitting, dispensing, and maintenance of hearing instruments must be performed by a licensed provider whose scope of practice allows them to fit and dispense

hearing instruments. After discussion, Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Granger that the statute is too vague for the Board to render an opinion. Voting aye: Brennan, Granger, Lutt-Chmiel, Miller, and Pierce. Voting nay: None. Absent: Thedinger. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board determined that the topic of Hearing Instrument Specialist requirements for Audiologists was part of the scope of practice discussion and was not truly new business.

Ed Granger will be representing the Board at the International Hearing Society Convention in Orlando, Florida from September 10 – 12, 2015.

Ms. LaFayette-Dymacek provided information to the Board regarding updates to the Citrix program.

Ms. Tiedt informed the Board of the status of the updates to Title 172 NAC 75.

The Board scheduled a closed session work meeting for June 26, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss updates to the Hearing Instrument Specialist Practical Examination.

The Board scheduled the next practical examination and Board meeting for October 2, 2015.

Ms. Tiedt presented the Department's Application Processing Report since February 4, 2015. This was for informational purposes only.

Ms. LaFayette-Dymacek provided a brief recap of the decisions made by the board during this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Miller

Sandra Miller, Secretary

Prepared by Jacye LaFayette-Dymacek, Health Licensing Coordinator