



State of Nevada

Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensing Board

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
Speech-Language Pathology Subcommittee

March 25, 2024

Members Present:	Shawn Binn, Marvelee Clayworth, Christy Fleck, Nancy Kuhles, Katrina Nicholas Branden Murphy, Kim Reddig, Adrienne Williams
Members Absent:	Andrea Menicucci
Staff Present:	Jennifer Pierce, Executive Director Stacey Whittaker, Licensing Coordinator Henna Rasul, Sr. Deputy Attorney General
Public Present:	Katie Allen, Karen Klopfer, Sabrina Schnur, Tenaya Watson, Belz & Case "Note-Taking Bot"

Call to Order, Confirmation of Quorum

Jennifer Pierce, Executive Director, began the meeting, noting that Subcommittee Chair Kim Reddig was out-of-state and planned to call in remotely and participate as her connection allowed. Ms. Pierce called the meeting to order at 5:02pm and a roll call confirmed a quorum was present. Andrea Menicucci was noted as excused absent.

Public Comment

Ms. Pierce introduced this agenda item and read the following statement pursuant to AB219 (2023): "I will now review the instructions for providing public comment during this meeting: Any person wishing to make public comment may attend this meeting and provide public comment in one of the following ways: 1. Attend the meeting and provide public comment in-person at the physical location; OR 2. Attend the meeting and provide public comment virtually through the Zoom teleconference video link listed on the agenda; OR 3. Attend the meeting and provide public comment telephonically through the Zoom telephone number listed at the end of the meeting agenda with additional public comment instructions. Public comment is welcomed by the Board. Public comment will be limited to five minutes per person and comments based on viewpoint will not be restricted. A public comment time will be available prior to action items on the agenda and on any matter not specifically included on the agenda as the last item on the agenda. At the discretion of the Board Chair, additional public comment may be heard when that item is reached. The Board Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in their sole discretion. Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the Board may refuse to consider public comment."

Ms. Pierce then called for public comment. Tenaya Watson from NSHA offered the following oral public comment as follows, "We want to thank you for the opportunity for having us here to have a public comment. I am representing NSHA on behalf of the Presidency and those also holding a license from the Nevada Department of Education and Board of Examiners. NSHA members are just wanting more clarification on the

intent of the regulation to address agenda item number 4, page 19 of the packet, section 7. We are just asking for more clarification.”

Approval of the Minutes: Subcommittee Meeting of February 21, 2024

Ms. Pierce introduced the item and asked if there were any comments or corrections noted in the minutes. Hearing none, Ms. Pierce called for a motion. Shawn Binn made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Nancy Kuhles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Review and Recommendation to the Board on Proposed Revisions to NRS 637B and NAC 637B to Include SLP Assistant Licensing and Telesupervision

Ms. Pierce summarized the Subcommittee’s last meeting and directed members to a draft document with possible NRS and NAC additions and revisions for review and recommendation to establish licensing of SLPAs.

The following sections were reviewed with comments and edits made and will be revised and reviewed at the next Subcommittee meeting:

- Definitions
 - NRS NEW: “ Speech-Language Pathology Assistant” Defined; “Supervising Speech-Language Pathologist” Defined.
 - NAC NEW: “Direct Supervision” Defined; “Indirect Supervision” Defined; “Medically Fragile” Defined; “Supervision” Defined; “Plan Of Care” Defined; “Provisional Licensee” Defined; And “Telesupervision” Defined.
- Qualifications/Education/Examination:
 - NRS NEW: Speech-language pathology assistants: Educational requirements; Speech-language pathology assistants: Regulations; and Examination for licensure as a speech-language pathology assistant.
- Scope of Practice/Prohibited Activities
 - NRS NEW: Requirements For Speech-Language Pathology Assistant or Provisional Licensee to Assist in Practice of Speech-Language Pathology.
 - NAC NEW: Speech-Language Assistant or Provisional Licensee: Delegation of Duties By Supervising Speech-Language Pathologist; Limitations; and Speech-Language Pathology Assistant prohibited from performing certain activities; disciplinary action.
- Continuing Education:
 - NAC 637B.400 Requirements for renewal of standard or provisional license; records; audits; excess credits may not be carried forward.
- Fees for Application, License, & Renewal
 - NRS 637B.175 Fees.
 - NAC 637B.030 Schedule of fees.

The following sections were not reviewed or will be discussed further at the next Subcommittee meeting:

- SLPA Supervision: NAC: Qualifications to act as a supervising speech-language pathologist; supervision ratios; Speech-Language Pathology Assistant or Provisional Licensee: Verification to Board of employment and supervision; notice of termination; number of primary supervisors required per employer of record; and Speech-Language Pathology Assistant or Provisional Licensee: Practice under supervision of supervising speech-language pathologist.
- TBD: Supervision of Student Interns and Clinical Fellows
- Applicability of Chapter/Alignment With NDE Assistants: NRS 637B.080 Applicability of chapter.
- TBD: SLPA Telepractice

It was agreed that the Subcommittee would continue discussing this item at the next meeting and Ms. Pierce stated that she would draft NRS language for review and discussion. No action was taken.

Review and Recommendation to the Board on Possible Revision to NRS 637B.060 “Practice of speech-language pathology” defined to Address Flexible Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) Procedure

Ms. Pierce summarized the discussion from the last meeting and tabling for further discussion. Christy Fleck shared that she researched ASHA resources and identified potential language that could be used to make a slight revision to this section that would encompass the range of tools used by SLPs when conducting vocal tract imaging and visualization without being too prescriptive. It was agreed that Dr. Fleck would send the language on to Ms. Pierce to draft revisions for future discussion and the matter was tabled, with no action taken.

Reports from Subcommittee Chair and Members

There were no reports from the Subcommittee Chair or Members. The group discussed the schedule for future meetings and agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 5:00pm. It was agreed that future agenda items will include 1) SLPA Licensing, including scope of practice and supervision, 2) SLPA telepractice and telesupervision, 3) Consideration of supervision/telesupervision of student interns and clinical fellows in the context of SLPAs, 4) NRS 637B.080 Applicability of Chapter in the context of SLPAs, and 5) Possible Revision to NRS 637B.060 related to the FEES Procedure.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Jennifer Pierce adjourned the meeting at 6:46pm.