



## MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology Advisory Council Minutes August 3, 2016

#### Members

Charles G. Marx, CCC-A  
Darlene Gore, CCC-SLP  
Kathleen Wentland, CCC-SLP  
Robin Friend, OT  
Lindy Oswald

#### Members Absent

Hailey Messersmith

#### MSDH

F. Simkins  
F. Wang

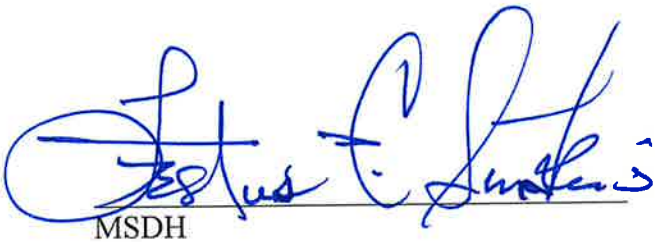
1. Mr. Simkins called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.
2. By unanimous consent, the minutes of the Council's January 23, 2016, meeting were approved.
3. Mr. Simkins informed the Council that the ASHA minimum passing scores have been approved by the Board.
4. **New Business:**
  - a. Licensure updates given by Mr. Simkins.
  - b. The Council discussed Telepractice Regulations for SLP/AUD. Mr. Simkins informed the council that legislature has passed a telepractice law. There will be possible changes to the regulations when telepractice regulations are approved. Dr. Marx informed the Council he has been corresponding with Ellen O'Neal about telepractice and did forward to her the ASHA's guidelines for telepractice. The last email states that the individual will have to be licensed by the state of Mississippi. Ms. Friend asked about reimbursement with telepractice. Mr. Simkins informed the Council that it would have to be dealt with by respective insurance agencies (i.e., Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance, etc.) and their policies regarding telepractice. Dr. Marx made a motion to approve the telepractice draft. Ms. Wentland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

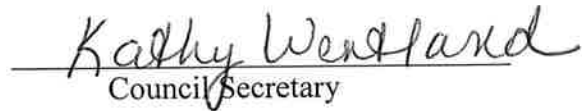
c. Mr. Simkins informed the council of a new policy where the licensing regulations and licensing laws must be reviewed every five (5) years for possible amendments. The Professional Licensure Division will begin reviews of selected regulations and laws in January 2017.

d. Dr. Marx inquired about the possibility of a different version of the renewal letter that is sent by email to licensees when they renew online. Mr. Simkins informed that possible changes are being considered. Such changes, if made, will accompany the new professional licensure database that is currently being developed.

5. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2017, at 10:30 a.m.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

  
MSDH

  
Council Secretary

Date: 17 Feb 17