

Hearing Instrument Dispenser Advisory Council Minutes

DECEMBER 13, 2022

Date and Time: December 13, 2022, 3:00 to 4:30 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

Chair: Catherine Lloyd

Attendees

Council Members

- Dale Thorstad
- Richard Caruso
- Daniel Rochel
- Carrie Meyer
- Robert McLachlan

MDH Staff

- Daphne Ponds
- Bob Dehler
- Catherine Lloyd
- Alison Helm
- Ah Her
- Al Ahamed
- Julianna Leintz

Announcements

Today is Catherine Lloyd's last time chairing. Jane Danner will be chairing in the future.

We have 4 vacancies as of January 2023. Please share with those who may be interested.

Additions/Adoptions of Agenda

Adopted as written.

Staff Reports

- Credentialing Report (Alison)
- Investigation & Evaluation Report (Ah Her) first quarter 7/1/2022-9/30/2022
- Exam Report (Alison)
- Reports were read

Old Business

- Al Ahamed is leading the Modernization Project restart. The exam hadn't been updated in 20 years. We've been working on this since 2019 and really want to thank the committee Josie Helmbrecht, Carrie Meyer, Scott Lau, Dale Thorstad thank you for your dedication and expertise offered.
- The exam has done away with redundant materials about fitting and selection. Troubleshooting is completely revised, MN Law is still current (may add over the counter aids) audiometry section and charting is completely revised and will be provided online/remotely. Trials are going on right now with volunteers.
- Major changes to troubleshooting will be multiple-choice questions.
- Audiometry will be online through CounselEAR. Candidates will conduct the hearing test with a simulated patient and complete a thorough audiogram.
- Scoring is being reviewed and will be ready for the next exam 3/24.
- Fees are not changing they are mandated by statute.
- HID candidates will need to pass the ILE and must pass all portions of the exam to get a passing grade.
- There will continue to be in person demonstration by candidates showing skills in examining and impressions.

New Business

HID Trainees Update – Are these conditional? Have their certificates run out? Conditional with the need to complete and pass the exam. We may be able to remove those conditions now. We don't believe we have anyone needing to apply for a second conditional period.

HID Exam update

4 exam dates for 2023:

- March 24,
- May 19,
- August 18 and
- October 13

Website and Consumer Brochure update completed and have been posted to the website. We have Q&As and the brochure on the website.

The council would like to add their feedback about the brochure when it is close to being finalized.

Current list of active proctors: Kimberly Johnson, Jennifer Ward, Rebecca Younk, Carly Kempton, Richard Caruso, Cory Popelka, Scott Lau, Todd Lau, Dan Rochel, Eric Latour, Margaret Koeritzer, Gretchen Burk, and Jason Welch.

A new report topic was proposed, budget updates – Fee revenues and expenditures. We will provide these reports for future meetings.

Next Meeting

2023 proposed meeting dates:

- March 14
- June 13
- September 12
- December 12

Meeting time: 3:00-4:30pm

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