

# Hearing Instrument Dispenser Advisory Council Minutes

DECEMBER 12, 2023

## Attendees

### Council Members

- Richard Caruso – Hearing Instrument Dispenser Member
- Robert McLachlan – Public Member
- Dale Thorstad – Hearing Instrument Dispenser Member

### MDH Staff

- Alison Helm – State License Supervisor
- Todd Hoover – Admin Supervisor
- Julianna Leintz – Office and Admin Specialist Intermediate
- Rick Michals – State Licensing Manager
- Jodi Rothstein – Office and Admin Specialist Intermediate
- Debbie Thao – HOP/Mort Sci Evaluation Supervisor
- Pete Meuwissen – HOP Evaluation/Inspection
- Mark Meath, State License Supervisor

## Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved as written.

## Additions / Adoptions of Agenda

No additions noted.

Agenda was adopted.

## Announcements

No new announcements.

## Staff Reports

Credentialing, Licensing, and Evaluation reports were presented; reports are available upon request by emailing [health.hid@state.mn.us](mailto:health.hid@state.mn.us).

- Credentialing Report – Alison Helm
- Investigation/Evaluations Report – Pete Meuwissen
- Exam Report – Todd Hoover

## Old Business

- HID Exam Update – Next exam will be on January 26, 2024. \*New location will be at Freeman Building\*
- **Current Active Proctors:** Brian Ambrosius, Gretchen Burk, Josie Helmbrecht, Kimberly Johnson, Carly Kempton, Margaret Ann Koeritzer, Eric LaTour, Scott Lau, Todd Lau, Carrie Meyer, Amy Rothermel, Melissa Sanders, Jennifer A. Ward, and Jason Welch. \*Will get Richard Caruso added\*

## New Business

- Council Member Update – Every position’s term has expired. Richard and Rob both suggested that MDH look into the stipend that is supposed to be given out to members. It may help to bring in more new members.
- HID License Renewals – there are a few renewals that are not complete – they are missing CEU reports, etc.
- Over-the-Counter Update – Consumer brochure – see copy of brochure for updates. Rick read through the proposed changes and asked the council for suggestions.
- Meeting Topics 2024 – asked council members for suggestions:
  - Shortening the length of the meeting from 90 minutes to 60 minutes. 3 council members agreed.
  - Financial report - Council members have not seen one in over a year and they have been requesting it for awhile now. Request from members for financial outcomes and budget including budget for exam administration.
  - Competency review board reinstated? Jane was going to inquire with Catherine Lloyd about the history of the review board and options available.
  - Cost of Exam for Audiologist HIDs, vs Regular HIDs – Escalation has happened to receive information regarding the differences, and feasibility and process for reviewing/changing fees.

## Quorum

- We did have a quorum, 3 out of 5 current members of the council were in attendance.

## Next Meeting Date/Time

- March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 3:00-4:00

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