

Speech Language Pathologist/Audiologist Advisory Council Minutes

NOVEMBER 20, 2024

Attendees

Council Members

- Hannah Julien
- Kristen D Berndt
- Briann Morbitzer
- Dale Thorstad
- Jim Clark
- Emily Aust
- Jenna Tunnell

MDH Staff

- Rick Michals - Chair
- Rachel Gacioch
- Todd Hoover
- Julianna Leintz
- Ah Her
- Nicole Erickson
- Debbie Thao
- Tammy Winters
- Gaile Kaufman

Review and Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of August 21, 2024, approved.

Additions / Adoptions of Agenda

- Additions - Length of audio validity of audiograms.
- Agenda adopted.

Announcements

- Current open positions in SLPA council - One Audiologist position in private practice and two Public Member positions. Interested parties - go to the Secretary of State website to apply: [Board/Commission: Speech-language Pathologist And Audiologist Advisory Council \(https://commissionsandappointments.sos.state.mn.us/Agency/Details/141\)](https://commissionsandappointments.sos.state.mn.us/Agency/Details/141).

Staff Reports

- FY25 1st quarter reports presented.
- Questions - Please reach out to Pete Meuwissen Pete.Meuwissen@state.mn.us
- Reports are available upon request by emailing health.slpa@state.mn.us.

Old Business

- Speech Language Pathology assistants.
- Brochure, “What to know when buying prescription hearing aids” – is now on website.

New Business

- We’re working on the speech language pathology assistance application, and we’ll have communication planning to get that out by May 1, 2025. Work continues our E licensing system where the SLPA applications will lodge. January February renewals will go out end of November 2024.
- Validity of audiograms –how long is an audiogram considered valid after it’s conducted – six months? When does testing need to be redone? If a client has a change or an old audiogram, a hearing retest may be considered. Compare to other regulatory structures to see what they’ve done.
- Next meeting date – February 19, 2025, 3:00 – 4:00.
- Other meeting dates – 3:00 – 4:00
 - May 21, 2025
 - August 20, 2025
 - November 19, 2025

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