

## MSHA BOARD MEETING NOTES: March 4, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Catherine Drescher. Other members present were Rachel Stansbury, Jessica Reynolds, Emily Stafslie, Julie Wolter, Kathleen DeLapp-Cohn, Jennifer Rindal, Shelby Midboe, Kristy Foss and Lezlie Pearce-Hopper.

Minutes from the previous meeting were sent out to review via email. Catherine called for edits, none were offered.

Catherine made a call for updates for any items on meeting agenda sent out earlier. Kristy moved and Jennifer seconded to approve the motion agenda. Motion passed.

Catherine reported that she had applied for an ASHA grant in the amount of \$8500 to cover lobbyist fees and legislative activities. ASHA decision was due March 10<sup>th</sup>. Catherine reported that MSHA has been awarded grants like this before.

### Better Speech and Hearing Month, May, 2017

- Rachel will be in charge and Emily and Jennifer will help
  - Website
  - Honor UM Graduates
  - Membership Burst
  - Highlight MSHA Scholarship
  - Facebook Banners: Julie will talk to Jenn Closson about previous contest for students and get other ideas from faculty at the University
  - Regional Spotlight
  - Regional Contest to see who can get most members in May
  - Drive for membership: \$25 off convention fee for joining in May
  - Facebook: MSHA Monday or Monday Pun-day (Kristy)
  - Emily: Video Blog – 5 minute video clip
- HB347 Signing Ceremony with MSHA
  - Photo Op for Better Speech and Hearing month with Governor
- Catherine called for a motion to save \$25 on October MSHA convention fees for anyone joining MSHA in May. Lezlie moved, Kathleen seconded. Motion passed.

### Consumer Links on Website

- Discussion about charging for links (or not) from MSHA website. There were questions regarding if organizations were charged for links from our website, or just for advertising. Emily stated that she felt it was more important that MSHA website be a resource for members than to try and raise money this way. Kathleen and Catherine agreed with this position. Kristy asked who controls the links and decides whether they get published or not. Shelby mentioned we should get MSHA updates to the newly created “Montana School Based Speech Language Pathologists” on Facebook. Lezlie mentioned that MSHA already has links to OPI and the Licensure Board page.

### Webinars

- Rachel will write up how she did the recent webinar. She needs someone to take over. The original goal was to have 5 webinars during the year.

## ASHA Awards

- ASHA is calling for nominations for annual awards. The Clinical Achievement Award is linked to the Louis DeCarlo award, and there is also a Hugh Clefner Award.
- Catherine asked for a MSHA deadline of the end of March for nominations. She would like to scan the nomination forms and have Shar distribute them to the membership so everyone can see what the awards are.
- Discussed possibility of using nominations as a means of outreach to increase membership
- Board members discussed potential nominees
- Nominations are not limited to MSHA members, but must be ASHA members to be nominated

## UM Telepractice “Letter of Completion”

- Julie Wolter explained that it was her understanding that this issue is in reference to Jennifer Closson/Jenna Griffin’s request for MSHA to issue a letter of completion for grad students who had course work in telepractice. Letter to be used for proof of training for Montana’s requirement for 4 hours of telepractice training.
- Per Rachel and Kristine – this might not be an issue for MSHA, as telepractice CE hours are regulated by the licensing board. Per Rachel, the requirement will be eliminated by the board for the next set of published rules due out in June/July 2017.
- Rachel mentioned that when she and Diane conducted training last year, they got CEUs pre-approved through the Continuing Education Administrator (MSHA CEUs).
- Kristine said she will talk with Jenn and let her know this is not something MSHA needs to be involved in.

## University of Montana Updates: Julie Wolter (Amy Glaspey on sabbatical)

- Julie started by explaining that Amy Glaspey and her family have suffered a house fire and have effectively lost everything. Kristy motioned that the MSHA board sponsor a \$250 gift to the Glaspey family for the loss incurred during the house fire. The motion passed. Julie asked for all donations to be sent to the CSD Department, Attn: Julie Wolter, 32 Campus Drive, Missoula, MT 59812
- Julie Wolter reported on the University of Montana’s proposed coursework for speech therapy aides and assistants through the CSD Department
  - Julie presented the information at the Montana Council of Special Educators program in March, and she is also talking with OPI Special Education directors to see what would best serve their needs.
  - The Intent to Plan is in place at the University
  - Steven Moates has been instrumental in the planning process
  - The Special Education directors liked the idea of rewarding individuals as they get education to allow people to move up levels/lanes on school-based matrix
  - 3 levels proposed:
    - Level 1: 17 credits: at Missoula College. Completion would yield a Communication Certificate
    - Level 2: 30 Credits: Communication Disorders Support Certificate – close to current level 3
    - Level 3: Bachelor’s Degree or completion of Leveling Program – SLP Assistant Certificate (close to current level 2)
  - Julie reported that they could not open classes online before to everyone because the previous Provost didn’t allow it. New leadership will open the program (& online) to everyone to provide training so individuals can work towards certificates

- MCSE members were worried about supervision for individuals in rural communities who may not have a full-time SLP to supervise
  - Telesupervision: need to define language for supervision and send to Lucy Richards on the Licensing Board
  - Find out how to do it correctly to protect consumer
  - Lezlie says she has this language from Oregon and can submit it to Lucy Richards
- Julie asked for Board Member Feedback. Lezlie agreed to be MSHA contact for this matter.

### Bylaw Revision

- Lezlie asked all board members to look at their job descriptions to see if it adequately describes what each member does.
- Lezlie asked if there were guidelines for new board members. Rachel said there used to be a notebook with guidelines, but this has possibly gone to the wayside now that everything is digital. Lezlie said committee chairs and board members need information on what they need to do, their expectations, to help reduce the learning curve.
- Catharine called for a review of job descriptions /duties to be completed by April to present to the membership. Board members can review during June meeting and membership must have information 4 weeks prior to voting, so they should be published as part of the September Communicator
- Committee Chairs and Board Members are to submit descriptions by April 15<sup>th</sup> to Catherine, Lezlie, and Jen Rendal.

### Legislative Update: Jessica Reynolds

- Please see addendum to notes for bills which were discussed
- Comments: Lezlie wished to thank Jennifer Closson and Jessica Reynolds for the Legislative Day and she felt that there were good contacts with legislators. Jessica Reynolds thanked SCHWA for their support.
- Jessica is leaving for DC to participate in ASHA lobbying, meetings with MT Legislators in DC. She asked members to send her any needs we would like her to present.
- Catharine wished to thank all involved with this session
- Jessica asked that MSHA recognize Abby (lobbyist) at the next MSHA convention for all she does for us. Board agreed.

### MT Licensure Board

- Lezlie attended the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting
- There is a new website and most of the board is up online. The second newsletter is out and there is information on the budget.
- AuD 4<sup>th</sup> year externship: Board needs more clarification on this. Have 4<sup>th</sup> year students graduated? Catherine said they have not, 4<sup>th</sup> year students are still students. They are still enrolled in school, so it is a different model than SLP-CFY program. Lezlie says the board needs official clarification on the matter.
- Late Fees:
  - This matter is inflexible across 4 licensure boards
  - They do not do email reminders
  - It was suggested that maybe MSHA can do email reminders to members to get renewals done on time

- Lezlie reported that Todd is happy for improved communication with the MSHA Board. He says that there is no wiggle room in the budget to put forth legislation or do more. They will look at the overage to see if the amount for licenses can be reduced in next licensure session.
- Lezlie recommends the board submit a letter of thanks to Lucy Richards for all she has done.
- Rachel says it is the time to give input for the rule package now, as the next meeting is April 26. The rules are published on the licensure board website.
- Catherine will write letters.

#### Member Directory: Lezlie

- Working with Christina Hanson – the Member at Large trainee
- ASHA Leadership Project Grant
- Made Excel spreadsheets for members/licensees
  - Organized by region
  - No way to track students or CFY License holders
- There is a charge of \$50 per time the list of licensees is ordered
- Use lists for MSHA President to invite licensees into membership
- Members only directory vs. public area for website was discussed

#### CEU Process – Non-member fee

- Last year Board voted to get rid of \$25 processing fee for non-members
- For Free Conferences: to charge non-MSHA members for CEU fees, a fee can be paid to MSHA for CEU administration. This will go through the CEA (Continuing Ed Administrator)
- The issue has been resolved: MSHA will not charge for non-member CEUs

Shelby moved to adjourn the meeting. Julie and Kathleen seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:42.

The next MSHA board meeting is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting is scheduled to be face-to-face and will take place at Lezlie's house in Helena.

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ADDENDUM:

**2017 Session of the Montana Legislature  
Bill Summaries  
Prepared for MSHA by Jessica Reynolds  
Updated: 2/15/17**

HB17/LC0280

Title: Increase HCBS waiver slots and assisted living reimbursement rates

Sponsor: Ron Ehli (HD86)

Status: Second reading scheduled in the House

Summary: Increase the number of residential slots available for home and community-based Medicaid services waiver by 200 over the next 2 years. It also increases the daily reimbursement rate over the same period.

HB81/LC0348

Title: Revise publication and distribution requirements for MAR and ARM

Sponsor: Willis Curdy (D) HD 98

Status: Passed House and Senate, returned to House with amendments

Summary: the Secretary of State will electronically publish the ARM

*HB191/LC2267*

*Title: Provide inflationary increase for ANB funding*

*Sponsor: Seth Berglee (R) HD 58*

*Status: Signed into law*

*Summary: Provide inflationary adjustment for ANB funding (e.g. \$300,000 per to \$309,000 per year)*

**HB347/LC2249**

**Title: Provide for limited speech-language pathologist or audiologist license**

**Sponsor: Donald W Jones (R) HD 46**

**Status: passed House; referred to Senate; hearing in Senate Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs scheduled for 3/7/17 at 8am**

**Summary: Provide the Aud-SLP licensing board the authority to issue temporary licenses to clinical fellows**

*HJ1/LC0301*

*Title: Request study of funding for education programs for special needs students*

*Sponsor: Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47*

*Status: Passed by House and Senate; awaiting governor's signature*

*Summary: establish an interim committee to study best practices, funding, etc for special needs, gifted and talented children, and at-risk students in Montana*

SB193/LC0256

Title: Provide for licensing of board certified behavior analysts

Sponsor:

Status: Referred to Senate Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs; Hearing on 2/16/17

Summary: This bill adds two BCBA's to the board of psychologists and allows this board to license BCBA's

SB199/LC0253

Title: Require coverage of habilitative services under the Healthy Montana Kids Plan

Sponsor: Mary Caferro

Status: Passed Senate; hearing in House Human Services committee on 3/13/17 at 3pm

Summary: Include habilitative services in programs covered by Healthy Montana Kids Plan, including speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and behavioral health services

SB226/LC0548

Title: Generally revise summer school bus transportation laws

Sponsor: Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42

Status: Passed Senate; referred to House Education Committee

Summary: provide funding for busing to summer/ESY school programs