The regular meeting of the Speech and Hearing Professionals Advisory Committee was held on October 15, 2014 at 2:00, P. M. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Allen Rohe and minutes recorded by Dr. Jean Brown.

Committee members in Attendance: Robert Baber, Jean C. Brown, James Cvetko, Lynn Meyer, Allen Rohe, Donald Gibson, and Mark Syms

Committee Members Absent: Michael Fucci, Michele Michaels, Melanie Rogers

Other Attendee: Jay Griffin

Meeting convened at 2:03 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from the July 16, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Baber motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

• Mr. Gibson made the announcement that Pragathi Tummala was no longer with the Arizona Department of Health Services. In the near future SHPAC will be managed by Donald Gibson and Jay Griffin.

• Mr. Gibson requested that all members of the SHPAC Committee complete the Arizona State Personnel Loyalty Oath and return them to him ASAP. He also requested that each member complete the Public Service Orientation for Committees, Boards, and Commissions. This should be completed within six months after the date of appointment.

• Mr. Gibson reported that the in-services for the updated rules were well received. Only the new components of the rules were covered and the presentation slides will be available on-line for those who did not attend one of the meetings. Attendees were encouraged to report any violations to the Bureau of Special Licensing especially violations with regard to the supervision of speech-language pathology assistants. Attendees were also reminded that they are responsible to notify the Bureau for any changes to contact information and that an e-mail address is now required. In addition, Washington School District in collaboration with another school district will be hosting an orientation on the new licensure rules on December 3, 2014. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Griffin will facilitate the meeting. Mr. Gibson reported that the initial licensing applications are being updated to reflect the new changes in the rules.

• Mr. Gibson reported that the written portion of the practical HAD examination had been updated, that is, questions that had inappropriate wording or those that were confusing had been changed. The need for an ENT on the exam committee
was voiced and Dr. Syms volunteered to help with the final review. Dr. Rohe and Mr. Cvetko questioned the nature and validity of the questions. The Committee was assured that no significant changes were made and reminded them that it will take a couple of rounds to test the validity and reliability of the exam. Dr. Rohe suggested that an academic professional be a member of the committee.

Mr. Gibson reported that the process for grading the exam would include grading by three (3) members of the exam committee; they will use a rubric to grade the exam and then meet five days after the grading was complete to notify the applicants of a pass/fail recommendation.

Dr. Brown and Dr. Syms requested clarification on the objectivity of the exam. Both Mr. Gibson and Mr. Griffin assured the committee of the exam’s objectivity and that minimum competency was the purpose of the examination.

Dr. Syms and Mr. Baber made the recommendation to ask Dr. Tom G. Rigo to be a member of the HAD examination committee. Mr. Baber also wanted to know when pictures of the appropriate bracing techniques would be ready for the exam. Mr. Griffin informed the committee of the constraints that were hindering this process. Mr. Gibson agreed to review the exam ASAP (within the week).

- Mr. Gibson had prepared certificates of appreciation for Dr. Remson and Dr. Rigo former members of SPHAC. He will mail them.
- Open Discussion with regard to new SHPAC members. Those committee members present were asked to vote for 2 possible SLP members and 1 audiology position. Mr. Gibson will check to see how long Dr. Brown’s term can be extended. If it is for three years the committee will require only one SLP. Of note, there were 9 SLP applicants and 2 audiology applicants.

Dr. Syms agreed to remain on the Committee as an ENT representative and suggested using the ENT website to find other ENTs that might be interested in SHPAC.

Confidential Agenda

- There were no confidential items on the agenda
- A motion was made by Mr. Baber to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Dr. Syms. Dr. Rohe adjourned the meeting at 3:17, P.M.
- The next meeting will be held at 2:00 P. M. on Wednesday, January 14, 2015.