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PRESIDENT'S CORNER. BY: Kerri Phillips

It is rumored that lightning cannot strike the same place twice. However, science as well as the membership of NCSB has proven that wrong! Based on feedback from previous attendees, NCSB will return to San Antonio for another informative and engaging conference. Plans are underway for the program which will no doubt provide updates on timely topics related to professional licensure.

Please join me in welcoming our new Board of Director Members: Jayme Pultro (AR) and Rachel Thompson (WY). It is safe to say that NCSB will make good use of their many talents. Nahale Kalfas, attorney for the North Carolina Board, was elected to another term on the NCSB Board of Directors. NCSB is pleased to have her expertise and her input on matters related to licensure and the licensure compact.

If you were unable to attend our energized meeting in October, you missed information that is shaping our landscape as regulatory bodies. The Pre-Conference Workshop presented by Ayn Stehr, Theresa Rodgers, and Glenn Waguespack continued to receive enthusiastic reviews. Our keynote speaker was Nathan Standley, who is an attorney and director at Allen & Pinnix, P.A. where he counsels clients on antitrust, corporate, legislative, and licensing matters. The Council of State Governments (CSG) presented the Draft Compact to the audience and has been working to respond to the many comments received. Please review the information under Compact Update for further information. William West provided a valuable update regarding the National Practitioner Data Bank, and he has made his slides available via the website for those who were unable to attend the Vienna conference.

I would encourage you to review the conference proceedings on our website for further details. The NCSB board would like to thank our presenters and attendees for making 2018 an excellent conference.

The Historic Menger Hotel in San Antonio will serve as our 2019 conference site September 26 through September 28, 2019. Gregg Thornton (OH), our President-Elect, is busy planning the conference. Posted on the NCSB website are the lodging and travel information for the 32nd Annual Conference. Thanks to Doreen Oyadomari for once again working her magic!

Remember the ALAMO!

Here we come again!



31st ANNUAL CONFERENCE HELD IN VIENNA, VIRGINIA

In Vienna, Virginia, from October 4-6, 2018, NCSB hosted its 31st annual conference. The conference opened on Thursday with Board Member Training and began with a statutory authority presentation by a board attorney. Following the statutory authority session in the morning, attendees participated in a mock compliance hearing, a mock disciplinary hearing, discussed ethical decision-making utilizing board scenarios, examined complaints, and drafted a consent order.

Much of the program October 5 and 6 was devoted to licensure compacts and deregulation. Representatives from the nursing board and the physical therapy board presented information regarding their established compacts. The Council of State Governments discussed a draft of a licensure compact for the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology. Information regarding this professional licensure compact is included elsewhere in this publication.

Of interest to the group was a presentation by representatives from the National Practitioner Data Bank. The presenters provided information regarding the data bank web site and were later part of a board administrator panel to discuss codes and sanctions that state licensing boards utilize to report violations of the practice act. That afternoon there were updates to the Praxis and the ASHACFCC certification standards, as well as a AAA update. As was expected, the state information exchange the following morning proved to be a very interactive session where attendees shared successes and challenges in their respective states.

Nathan Standley, an attorney, served as the keynote speaker and set the stage for much of the program with his discussion of deregulation of the professions. The licensure compacts are being established to facilitate the interstate practice of audiology and speech-language pathology, and it is anticipated that these compacts will become a key factor as boards discuss the issues of deregulation, antitrust, and other regulatory matters.

Information regarding the 32nd conference will be made available to licensing agencies this summer, and NCSB welcomes input from state boards regarding issues that are impacting licensure in their respective states.

32nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

The NCSB Board of Directors will meet March 1 and 2 to develop the program for the next NCSB Conference to be held September 26-28, 2019. The program is still in the development stage; however, updates will be provided on the latest hot topics—licensure compacts and deregulation. Other issues related to the regulation of the professions will be included, and as always, the State Information Exchange will provide attendees with an opportunity to share successes and challenges. If there are topics that you or your Board would like to have presented, or if you have expertise in a particular area, please contact a member of the Board of Directors. Visit <http://www.ncsb.info/conference> for more information. **REGISTRATION BROCHURES CONTAINING A FINALIZED PROGRAM AND HOTEL INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO BOARDS THIS SUMMER.**

2019 CONFERENCE AT MENGER HOTEL IN SAN ANTONIO

The 2019 NCSB Workshop and Conference will be held Thursday, September 26, 2019, through Saturday, September 28, 2019, at the Menger Hotel, 204 Alamo Plaza, in San Antonio, Texas. The Historic Menger Hotel is the oldest continuously operating hotel west of the Mississippi. Across from the Alamo and located on the historic Riverwalk, the hotel has hosted generations of guests who are amazed by the architectural grandeur of the structure. From its museum-worthy furnishings, walls and display cases with mementoes and photographs that capture its esteemed history to its celebrated mango ice cream, the Menger is the essence of San Antonio. The hotel is next to the Shops at Rivercenter, a shopping mall that includes retail shops as well as a number of restaurants and fast-food places.

Hotel Group Room Rates: \$129 Single, Double, Triple, or Quad plus 16.75% tax. Effective 1/1/19, hotel guests are assessed a 1.25% San Antonio tourism fee for each taxable room night. The group rate may be honored three days before and three days after the group block ends (subject to availability). Check-in time is 3:00 PM, and check-out time is 11:00 AM. If a guest leaves earlier than the scheduled departure date, there will be a charge of \$75.000 plus 16.75% tax.

Hotel Reservations: Individuals may make reservations directly with the hotel reservations department by call 24 hour toll-free at 800-345-9285. Reservations cancelled after 48 hours prior to the arrival date will be assessed one night's room and tax.

Cut-Off Date: Cut-off date for making reservations in the group room block is *September 8, 2019*.

Complimentary internet access will be provided to hotel guests both in guest rooms and in the meeting spaces. Overnight parking rates are \$25.00 plus tax per day. Day or event parking is \$20.00 plus tax.

Airport Transportation: There is a city shuttle called "Super Shuttle" that leaves the airport every 15-30 minutes from outside baggage claim. Cost is \$15.00 one way or \$20.00 round trip. Taxis from the airport range from \$25-\$30 and will charge flat rate for one to three people.

HOTEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE BROCHURE SENT THIS SUMMER!

Note: A designated group has been working to develop guidelines and procedures for the implementation of licensure compacts in audiology and speech-language pathology. Following is the information that was presented at the NCSB Annual Conference in Vienna, Virginia last year.

NCSB AND ITS ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LICENSURE COMPACT FOR AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

The Council of State Governments (CSG) is working collaboratively with its Advisory Committee and its Drafting Team to produce a Draft Licensure Compact for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. A diverse group of audiologists, speech-language pathologists, board administrators, legislators, board attorneys, representatives from professional associations, and a member from the Department of Defense have drafted a document to be disseminated at the Fall Conference of the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB) in October 2018. The draft will be sent to stakeholders for comment from October 2018-January 2019. From mid-January –February 2019, the drafting team will review comments, and in March 2019 the drafting team will present the final recommended compact to the Advisory Group. Highlights of the drafted language and proposed sections are as follows:

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Licensure Compact is to facilitate interstate practice of audiology and speech-language pathology with the goal of improving public access to audiology and speech-language pathology services. The practice of audiology and speech-language pathology occurs in the state where the patient/client is located at the time of the patient/client encounter. The Compact preserves the regulatory authority of states to protect public health and safety through the current system of state licensure.

Section 2. Definitions

Section 3. State Participation in the Compact

Section 4. Compact Privilege

Section 5. Compact Privilege to Practice Telehealth

Section 6. Active Duty Military Personnel or Their Spouses

Section 7. Adverse Actions

Section 8. Establishment of the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact Commission

Section 9. Data System

Section 10. Rulemaking**Section 11. Oversight, Dispute Resolution, and Enforcement****Section 12. Date of Implementation of the Interstate Commission for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Practice and Associated Rules, Withdrawal, and Amendment****Section 13. Construction and Severability****Section 14. Binding Impact of Compact and Other Laws**

Each section will be reviewed by stakeholders, and changes/modifications will be evaluated by the Drafting Team and the Advisory Group. Updates and current status of the Licensure Compact are available by contacting Kerri Phillips, SLP.D., NCSB President at kphillip@latech.edu.

Note: Following is an update on the status of the licensure compact since the information was initially presented at the NCSB Conference last year.

Update on NCSB: State Compacts

Dialogue continues with the NCSB, Council of State Governments (CSG), and ASHA regarding interstate compacts for Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists. Since the Annual NCSB conference in Tysons Corner, the CSG Speech-Language Hearing Drafting Team as well as the Advisory Group has been engaged in reviewing received comments regarding the Draft Compact.

Members of the CSG Speech-Language Hearing Advisory Group include a diverse group of audiologists, speech-language pathologists, executive directors, and state legislators. As a reminder the members of the Advisory Group are:

Audiologists	Miranda Ross (GA) – Board Chair, Aud Florence Cueno (AL) – Board Chair, Aud Nancy Pajak (WY) – Board Member, Aud Richard Cram (NM) – Board Chair, Aud
State Legislators	Sen. Stephan Pappas (WY)
Speech-Language Pathologists	Luis Riquelme (NY) – Board Past Chair, SLP Sherry Sancibrian (TX) – Board Chair, SLP Julia Lidgard (UT) – Board Member, SLP
Executive Directors	Erin Haag (OR) – Board ED Gregg Thornton (OH) – Board ED
Board Attorneys	Nahale Kalfas (NC) – Board Attorney
NCSB	Kerri Phillips (LA)
Department of Defense	Marcus Beauregard – DOD
Council of State Governments	Mike McCabe – CSG Dan Logsdon – CSG John Mountjoy - CSG
ASHA	Susan Adams

What are the next steps?

The Drafting Team will meet face to face in March at the CSG offices in Washington, DC. The targeted date for completion of the Compact is late April.

NCSB SOLICITS NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS

Each year at its Corporate Business meeting, NCSB recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the professions through involvement with licensure. Two awards have been established to honor individuals, and these include Honors of the Association and the Special Recognition Award. Briefly, **Honors of the Association** is intended to recognize an individual for his/her exemplary contributions to NCSB, to a licensing board in the state, or to an individual employed by an organization or other entity that addresses regulatory concerns for the professions. The **Special Recognition Award** is given to individuals who have demonstrated exemplary commitment and contributions in the area of regulation at the state level. Criteria for these awards and detailed nomination procedures can be found at <http://www.ncsb.info/ncsb-awards>. NCSB encourages member boards to respond to the Call for Nominations for these two awards. Recipients will be recognized at the Business Meeting Friday, October 5, 2019.

NCSB CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS

NCSB is seeking nominations to fill the positions of President-Elect and three Board members. In keeping with the Bylaws, the President-Elect must be selected from the current Board of Directors. Directors eligible to serve as President-Elect are:

Amy Goldman
Vickie Pullins
Tracy Grammer

Glenn Waguespack
NahaleKalfas
Rachel Thompson

Doreen Oyadomari
Jayme Pultro

The requirements for a member of the Board of Directors are that the nominee be either a board member or an individual member from a state board that is currently an NCSB member. Such individual may be a licensed speech-language pathologist, a licensed audiologist, a board administrator, a board attorney, or a public member of the board. The Bylaws stipulate that at least two Directors be speech-language pathologists and two be audiologists.

A call for nominations will be sent to member boards in late Spring. Member boards may submit nominations from this notice as well as by sending nominations to info@ncsb.info. Once the nominations have been received and nominees have agreed to serve, an official ballot will be forwarded to member boards for voting. The individual(s) elected will be recognized at the Fall Business Meeting and will take office January 1, 2020.

MEMBERSHIP IN NCSB

NCSB encourages interested individuals/board to join NCSB. Categories of membership are as follows:

State Board Membership—Organizations eligible to apply for Full Membership are those boards, advisory councils, committees, or comparable bodies which conduct and maintain programs for the licensing of speech-language pathologists and audiologists in their respective states or provinces. **The cost for Full Membership is \$450.00.**

Individual Membership—This category is available to any individual who presently has served as a member, executive director, administrator, or attorney affiliated with a speech-language pathology and/or audiology board. Additionally, any SLP or AUD holding current licensure and with an interest in regulatory matters is entitled to apply for this affiliation. Individual members from states that are member boards in good standing shall receive discounted membership. **The cost for Individual Membership is \$35.00 for individuals whose state is a member board and \$50.00 for individuals residing in states that do not hold membership in NCSB.**

Association Membership—This category refers to organizations that either directly or indirectly provide services to individuals with communication disorders and whose members are impacted by licensing or certification of SLPs and AUDs. Individuals may also apply for this level of membership; however, membership is restricted to individuals who are members of an organization eligible to apply for Association Membership. **The cost of Association Membership is \$450.00.**

All levels of membership can be accessed by logging on to <http://www.ncsb.info>.

NCSB WELCOMES NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

Last year during the election process, Jayme Pultro and Rachel Thompson were elected to join the NCSB Board of Directors. NahaleKalfas, who has previously served on the NCSB BOD, was re-elected to another term. The Board of Directors is pleased to have these individuals with experience in the regulatory process and looks forward to their participation as board members.

Jayme opened an audiology practice in Little Rock shortly after receiving her Masters in 1991. The practice included multiple locations that provided services to patients/clients of all ages. In 2000 Jayme received her AuD as a member of the inaugural class at the University of Florida. She sold the audiology practice in 2017 and since then has been consulting and teaching audiology classes in Arkansas. She served as a member of the Arkansas Board of Examiners from 2012-2017.

Rachel received her Masters from the University of Northern Colorado in 2007. Following graduation, she moved to Cheyenne to work at a developmental preschool for two year. In 2009 she began working for the Laramie County School District, a position she currently holds. In late 2015 she began a private SLP practice that specializes in pediatrics. Rachel was elected to the Wyoming Board of Examiners in 2015.

Nahale is a solo-practitioner specializing in Administrative Law in North Carolina. For the past eleven years she has served as the attorney for the North Carolina Board of Examiners where she has been responsible to prosecutorial hearings, settlements, rulemaking, and other legislative matters. She received her J.D. from Duke University School of Law in 1997. Nahale has served as a case presenter at FARB and as a moderator for the Council of State Governments Summit on Interstate Compacts.

JOIN NCSB ON FACEBOOK



Keep up to date on the latest news and information from NCSB. Join Facebook and have access to early announcements of conference locations, accommodations, and programs. Get “social” with NCSB. Membership in the Facebook group is open to anyone who is a past or present member of your state’s licensure board in speech-language pathology or audiology, state and national association leaders—or if you are interested in trending information and hot topics related to the regulation of the communication profession. Invite your friends to “like” and “follow” us. Connect with your colleagues about timely issues in the professions and share news about what is happening in your state.

Search under “NCSB” or go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/201684259941209/?fref=ts>

NCSB PRESENTS POSTER SESSION AT ASHA

At the ASHA convention in Boston in November, NCSB presented a poster session entitled “Licensure Compacts in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology: Enhancing Service Delivery”. The poster utilized a series of maps to depict trends and characteristics in licensure across the country. The trends included the history of legislation by state, states with merged boards, states that have enacted legislation to require the doctoral degree as the entry-level credential for audiologists, states permitting hearing aid dispensing with the audiology license, continuing education requirements, telepractice regulations, and the regulation of support personnel. A section of the poster presentation was devoted to the concept of interstate licensure compacts and featured professions that have currently developed guidelines for licensure compacts. It is hoped that the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology will enter into interstate compact agreements, and maps featuring these states can be included in future poster presentations. Handouts were provided to those who viewed the poster, and the handouts included a description of licensure characteristics, web addresses for all licensure boards, and contact information for the National Center for Interstate Compacts.

NCSB 2020 IN SANTA FE

The 2020 NCSB Conference will be in Santa Fe, October 22-24, 2020. It will be held at the Drury Hotel, the site of a previous conference. The Drury is centrally located for shopping and eating and offers complimentary breakfast and happy hour in addition to other perks. More information will be forthcoming—plan to join us in Santa Fe in 2020.

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