

Hearing Instrument Dispenser Advisory Council Minutes

03/12/2024

Attendees

Council Members

- Robert McLachlan – Public Member
- Raphael Cheron – Hearing Instrument Dispenser Member
- Dr. Katie Dease – Licensed Audiologist Member

MDH Staff

- Rick Michals – Interim Assistant Division Director
- Todd Hoover – Admin Supervisor
- Julianna Leintz – Office and Admin Specialist Intermediate
- Debbie Thao – HOP/Mort Sci Evaluation Supervisor
- Pete Meuwissen – HOP Evaluation/Inspection
- Mark Meath – HOP Licensing Supervisor
- Nicole Erickson – Credentialer
- James Cole – Office and Admin Specialist Senior

Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved as written.

Additions / Adoptions of Agenda

No additions noted; Agenda was adopted.

Announcements

Rick Michaels taking over as Chair in his current role as Interim Division Director, no current open positions on council, four new members include Dr. Katie Dease, Raphael Cheron, Scott Lau, and James Moore.

Staff Reports

Credentialing, Licensing, and Evaluation reports were presented; reports are available upon request by emailing health.hid@state.mn.us.

Credentialing Report – Mark Meath

Investigation/Evaluations Report – Pete Meuwissen

Exam Report – Todd Hoover

Old Business

- HID Exam Update: Next exam will be on May 17th, 2024 (18 enrolled examinees as of day of meeting).
- 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, Richard Caruso, and Jason Welch.
- Council Member Update: All positions filled; new members stated above.
- HID Licensing Update: Renewals will be going out around September 1st, renewals due by 10/31/2024.
- Over-The-Counter Update: Revisions continue; expect to have a final draft for review at our next meeting.
- No new meeting topics as of the time of the meeting.

New Business

- Over-the-Counter Update: Consumer brochure update, revisions continue. Expect to have a final draft for review at our next meeting.
- Financial data reporting still in the works, no new updates as of this meeting.
- No suggestions on meeting topics at this time.

Quorum

- We did not have a quorum, 3 out of 9 current members of the council were in attendance.

Next Meeting Date/Time

- June 11th, 2024, 3:00pm – 4:00pm
- September 10th, 2024, 3:00pm – 4:00pm
- December 10th, 2024, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

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