



President's Annual Report May 25, 2010

Summary of Activities (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010)

- Responded to emails and phone calls regarding various issues related to the field and PSHA.
- Wrote quarterly President's Message for *Keystater*
- Drafted letter to Representative Wansacz thanking him for sponsoring the house version of the licensure bill (HB1653)
- Contacted Nan Rodgers and James Salem, Co-chair of the Educational Resources for Children with Hearing Loss committee (ERCHL), requesting that they send a letter to Representative Wansacz about removing the Teachers of the Hearing Impaired from HB1653
- Participated in numerous conference calls with Kathy Helfrich-Miller, David Stein, Ralph Belsterling, and David Tive about SB710
- Reviewed proposed amendments to SB710 made by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA)
- Held numerous conference calls with Kathy Helfrich-Miller, David Stein, Ralph Belsterling, and David Tive about proposed amendment to SB710
- Reviewed David Tive's amendment to SB710 that would remove the Teachers of the Hearing Impaired from the bill
- Participated in conference call about counter amendment to SB710
- Responded to various queries and concerns about licensure and licensure amendment
- Provided written and verbal input to PSEA, specifically Bernie Miller, about PSEA's objection to present licensure bill
- Consulted and corresponded with ASHA's Director of State Advocacy, Janet Deppe, about licensure issues, licensure language, and assistance ASHA could provide to PSHA and CSD programs in the state to address personnel shortage through different training program models
- Wrote formal letter of PSHA support for Dr. David Stein's appointment as the speech-language pathology member to the PA Board of Examiners to Senator Robert Robbins with copy going to Senator Sean Logan
- Reviewed, discussed, and continued to monitor Early Intervention announcement of new provider guidelines
- Responded to concerns and queries about new EI guidelines and provided email address for commentary to OCDEL

- Corresponded with Lobbyist David Tive about proposed state changes in EI service delivery and billing and stakeholder alliances with PDE that are impacting licensure bill reception and passage and possible need for legal counsel to review and develop counter documentation
- Attended CSAP Fall Meeting and provided Brag/Moan Commentary on PSHA issues
- Provided website template in response to query from PSHA office re: new website navigational structure
- Corresponded with Diane in the Business Office about better package for PSHA when ASHA has convention in PA
- Corresponded with Task Force Chair Craig Coleman on concern about PA Department of Health prohibiting research in long-term care facilities
- Provided input on slate of candidates for upcoming executive board vacancies
- Worked with Nancy Carlino and the PSHA office on having an annual nomination from PSHA for the DiCarlo Award
- Submitted proposal of ASHA personnel grant and received \$4000 of additional funding
- Authorized PSHA office to honor PAC fund requests to Rep. Mike McGeehan, Chairman of the House Professional Licensure Committee, Sen. Tommy Tomlinson, Chairman of the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee, and Rep. Jim Wansacz who is the prime sponsor of our licensure bill in the House
- Consulted with Nannette Crawford about NESHAP sponsorship of PSHA Convention speaker
- Held PSAC-PS quarterly meetings and finalized FAQs/Guides for inclusion with PSHA Convention materials and on website
- Provided input to Barbara Seifert on the proposed Educational Specialist Certificate
- Corresponded with Christina Baumer, Division Chief for School Leadership and Teacher Quality, Division of Professional Education, about convening a workgroup to develop educational specialist language provisions for the new Educational Specialist certificate
- Provided ASHA Code of Ethics to Executive Board for review and discussion at June 2010 meeting
- Reviewed the Schedule of Civil Penalties-Audiologists, Speech-Language Pathologists and Teachers of the Hearing Impaired, BPOA Proposed Regulation #16A-6804 (#2839)
- Provided input to a student about the regulations and qualifications governing speech-language assistants in PA
- Prepared written testimony for hearing with the House of Representatives' Professional Licensure Committee
- Testified at the House Professional Licensure Committee Hearing on HB1653 in Harrisburg
- Participated in ASHA conference call on Capacity Building with AKSHA and VSHA
- Participated in ASHA conference call on Role of ASHA's Advisory Council in CSD

Present and Future Activities

- Work with VP of Governmental Relations on continued advocacy of licensure bill
- Identify regulation changes we would like to see the BOE begin working on (e.g., SLPA section) while the licensure bill moves through the House and Senate

- Work with Business Office and VP for Public Information and Professional Communication on new look and organization for website
- Work with revitalizing PHEN
- Continue regular quarterly meetings of PSAC-PS
- Report on ASHA Grant outcomes
- Participate in Educational Specialist Certification workgroup