



## PENNSYLVANIA SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION

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**Annual Report**  
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**Activities:**

1. Presented *Embarking on your new Career* with Susan Adams, Director, State Legislative & Regulatory Advocacy for ASHA at the March 2016 PSHA Convention.
2. Met with PSHA Board, Dave Tive and Susan Adams to discuss support for BMP and Music Bill.
3. Offered comments, along with other PSHA Board members, to questions from PSHA members.
4. Corresponded with Kathleen Helfrich-Miller (STAR), Dave Tive and others regarding information about the BMP and Music Bill. Forwarded the letter to the PA Insurance Commissioner.
5. Corresponded with PSHA board members regarding Music therapy. Specifically a posting on the ASHA Exchange for News & Resources for State Association Leaders under the topic of Music Therapy- the listing asked: "Are you aware of problems that SLPs are encountering with billing as a result of music therapists using the same billing codes on the same day as an SLP? If so, please contact Eileen Crowe at [ecrowe@asha.org](mailto:ecrowe@asha.org)"
6. Engaged in a conference call with Amy Goldman and Anne Gilbertson to revise the standards for PSHA to better align with ASHA.
7. Coordinated with Erin Lundblom to schedule Anne Gilbertson's presentation on Documentation in a Skilled Nursing Facility to PITT and Duquesne Students at Duquesne University on April 5, 2016.
8. Met with PSHA Board and Craven to review budget information.

**Activities Planned:**

1. Plan to continue to work with the PSHA board on reimbursement and billing concerns with SLP specifically the Benchmark Plan and multiple co-pays, the Music Therapy Bill and regulations for SLP license.
2. Will plan to transition advocacy information to the incoming VP of Governmental Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

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