

**DYSLEXIA LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Monday, March 29, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.
8407 Wall Street, Room N-102
Exchange Building
Austin, Texas 78754**

MINUTES

Committee Members Present

Elsa Cardenas-Hagan
Laura Hill
June Hoffman
Timothy Odegard
Leah Esparza

Committee Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Cindy Bourland
Stephen Mills
C. David Richards

Guests Present

Courtney Hoffman, Academic Language Therapy Association

Agenda item 1 was call to order and **Agenda item 2** was introductions. .

Agenda item 3 was public comment. Courtney Hoffman addressed the committee.

Agenda item 4 was the staff report regarding implementation status of House Bill 461, 81st Legislature, 2009. Kathy Perkins, DSHS Assistant Commissioner for Regulatory Services, addressed the committee regarding budget reduction options and the possibility of a delay in implementation of the dyslexia licensing program.

Agenda item 5 was discussion and possible action regarding review of public comments concerning proposed new rules relating to the licensing and regulation of dyslexia therapists and practitioners, as published in the February 19, 2010 issue of the *Texas Register* (35 TexReg 1407). No public comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

Agenda item 6 was discussion and possible action regarding committee recommendations for the final adoption of proposed new rules relating to the licensing

and regulation of dyslexia therapists and practitioners, as published in the February 19, 2010 issue of the *Texas Register* (35 TexReg 1407). Stephen Mills discussed minor rule modifications that will be necessary if a delay in program implementation is approved. A motion was made by June Hoffman, seconded by Leah Esparza, and passed unanimously to recommend that the HHSC Executive Commissioner adopt the rules as proposed, or with the identified modifications, if needed.

Agenda item 7 was discussion and possible action regarding committee recommendations for draft application forms and instructions. Committee members recommended modifications to the draft form. Courtney Hoffman also recommended modifications on behalf of the Academic Language Therapy Association. It was agreed that staff will incorporate the changes and send a revised application form to all participants within two weeks.

Agenda item 8 was scheduling of future meeting dates. The committee will meet September 20, 2010 in Austin, Texas.

Agenda item 9 was announcements and comments not requiring committee action.

Agenda item 10 was adjournment. A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED: _____
 Signed and Approved
 Elsa Cardenas-Hagan, Committee Chair

_____9-20-10_____
Date

APPROVED: _____
 Signed and Approved
 Timothy Odegard, Committee Vice-Chair

_____9-20-10_____
Date