

# Hearing Instrument Dispenser Advisory Council Minutes

JUNE 11, 2024

## Attendees

### Council Members

- Dr. Katie Dease
- Richard Caruso
- Raphael Cheron
- Scott Lau
- Rob McLachlan

### MDH Staff

- Rick Michals – Interim Assistant Division Director (Chair)
- Pete Meuwissen – HOP Investigator
- Rachel Gacioch – Interim State Operations Manager
- Julianna Leintz – Admin Support Staff
- Debbie Thao – HOP Investigation Supervisor
- James Cole – Admin Support Staff
- Nicole Erickson – Credentialing Staff
- Todd Hoover – Admin Support Supervisor
- Mark Meath – Credentialing Supervisor
- Tammy Winters – Admin Support Supervisor

## Additions / Adoptions of Agenda

- Making sure Council Stipend is being paid to members of the council was added to agenda.
- Agenda and Minutes were adopted.

## Announcements

Welcoming new Council Member Scott Lau that was absent from the previous meeting.

## Staff Reports

Reports were presented; reports are available upon request by emailing [health.hid@state.mn.us](mailto:health.hid@state.mn.us).

- Credentialing Report – presented by Mark Meath.
- Evaluation Report – presented by Pete Meuwissen.
- Exam Report – presented by Todd Hoover.

## Old Business

Continuing discussion about the Over-the-Counter Consumer Brochure. Document is still in review before being sent out to the council and available to the public.

## New Business

- Financial Data reporting: Richard Caruso to look back through his data to see if examples are available from him. MDH to continue researching to see if this is something that we have available.
- Continued discussion on the “What to Know When Buying Prescription Hearing Aids” document. Edits made by MDH Communications in accordance with recommendations from the Council Members feedback. Additional live edits were made to this document during this meeting.
- Council Stipend discussion, continuing conversation from previous meeting to ensure council members are paid appropriately. Julianna will be sending out the appropriate documentation to the Council members.
- Additional ask about the competency review board. Competency reviews about investigations, is this something that can help shorten investigations, with the help of some of the Council members.

## Quorum

- We did have a quorum, 5 out of 9 current members of the council were in attendance.

## Next Meeting Date/Time

- September 10, 2024, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- December 10, 2024, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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