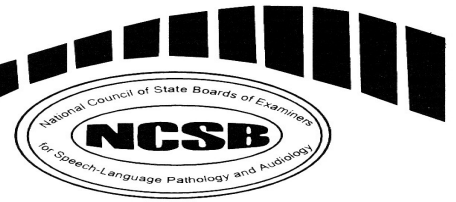


# Licensure



National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

### ◇ **PRESIDENTS CORNER**

#### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER. BY: Kerri Phillips**

NCSB has been busy since the Spring planning meeting. My message will focus on all of the amazing things your volunteer Board of Directors has been accomplishing!

### ◇ **NCSB TO PRESENT POSTER SESSION AT ASHA**

Alison Lemke has planned a conference you will not want to miss! Our conference will be held October 20-22 in historic Santa Fe. Keynote speaker for the conference is Colmon Eldridge, Director of the Council of State Governments National Center for Interstate Compacts. He will provide an overview of licensure portability, a topic that is both highly anticipated and timely, His presentation and the discussion that follows should generate plenty of discussion, and this discussion, along with input from attendees, is designed to provide boards with information and suggestions for implementation by audiology and speech-language pathology licensure boards.

### ◇ **NCSB'S 29TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Our conference event planning wizard, Doreen Oyadomari, has been busy finding an OVERFLOW hotel for NCSB in Santa Fe. I do believe this is a first for our conference! Please make sure you make hotel reservations early to get the best rates and a room close to the conference hotel. If you have not received your conference brochure or need more information about rooms, please visit the website at [info@ncsb.info](mailto:info@ncsb.info).

### ◇ **NCSB/ASHA DISCUSSION ON INTERSTATE COMPACT MODEL**

Glenn Waguespack submitted our poster, "Professional Licensure: The Path to Practice Across Borders" for an ASHA presentation, and NCSB is proud to announce that once again we will be represented at the ASHA Convention in Philadelphia.

### ◇ **STATE BOARD ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHT**

George Purvis has agreed to be NCSB's representative at the Audiology Education Summit that will be held October 27-28 at the ASHA National Office. The focus of this conference is to bring together a diverse audience to discuss issues related to the 4th year clinical experience. As NCSB Treasurer, he has done an excellent job of keeping us financially sound.

### ◇ **NCSB BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Gregg Givens has finalized the election ballot for NCSB President-Elect and to fill the one vacancy on the BOD. Additionally, the information sent to Boards contains a request for nominations for Honors of the Association and the Special Recognition Award. Please be on the lookout for the ballot, and submit your nominations.

Amy Goldman continues to keep us up-to-date on social media. If you do not follow us on Facebook, please join that social media outlet. This is a great forum for the exchange of ideas.

Nahale Kalfas continues to use her many talents to keep us updated on what is happening on the national level in terms of regulatory issues. She is familiar with the Supreme Court decision regarding the

North Carolina Dental Board, a decision which could impact many of our regulatory boards.

Vickie Pullin's review of documents and thoughtful insight helps keep things rolling. She is a great public relations ambassador for the BOD and has suggested a number of new features for the newsletter.

George Murphee is our newest board member. He is willing to step in wherever we need him, and it is anticipated that his scope of duties will expand as he begins the second year of his term.

Lastly, what have I been doing? I have been engaged in several discussions and provided comments about licensure portability. (See correspondence elsewhere in this publication). As our world becomes more global, we have to think more globally and at the same time remain focused on our goal of consumer protection. With that being said, I invite you to attend the conference to learn more about this hot topic. See you in Santa Fe.

Respectfully,  
Kerri Phillips  
2016 NCSB President

### **NCSB TO PRESENT POSTER SESSION AT ASHA**

Please view the NCSB poster during the ASHA Convention. The poster will include demographic data on a number of topics, including continuing education, hearing aid dispensing, telepractice, universal licensure, support personnel, and others. Handouts will be provided, as will a listing of web addresses for audiology and speech-language pathology boards.

“Professional Licensure: The Path to Practice Across Borders”  
7139 Poster Board 267  
Thursday, November 17, 2016  
4:30-6:00 PM

Hope to see you in the Convention Center in Philadelphia.

### **NCSB's 29th ANNUAL CONFERENCE** October 20-22, 2016 - Santa Fe, New Mexico

Register online at [www.ncsb.info/2016/registration](http://www.ncsb.info/2016/registration).

Registration brochures announcing the 29th annual NCSB Conference have been mailed. If you or your state board did not receive one of the brochures, a registration form and hotel information are included in this newsletter. As in past years, a pre-conference workshop on Training for Board Members will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2016, and the one and one-half day conference will follow on October 21 and 22.. NCSB invites boards to participate in both the board training and the conference. Following is a synopsis of the pre-conference workshop and the conference.

Thursday, October 20, 2016--PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP - “Training for Board Members” (Conducted by NCSB Board of Directors).

Designed for speech-language pathologists, audiologists, board administrators, board attorneys, and all

others involved in the regulatory process, the training will focus on all aspects of board service. Participants are invited to bring a copy of their state law and rules/regulations.

Highlights include:

Board attorney with experience in administrative law will discuss statutory authority, including rulemaking and the disciplinary process. Mock disciplinary hearing will trace the process from the initial letter of complaint through testimony of witnesses to imposition of sanctions. Attendees will serve as the hearing panel and will learn how to report sanctions to the NPDB. Ethical situations and dilemmas will be utilized to provide experience in receiving, reviewing, and resolving complaints. State licensing laws, and examples of licensure board exams will be provided.

### **Friday, October 21, 2016**

8:00-8:30	Registration
8:30-8:45	Welcome and Introductory Remarks
8:45-10:00	Morning Keynote "Blazing a Trail Towards Licensure Portability" Colmon Elridge
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:15	Roundtable Discussions - Topics in Licensure Portability
11:15-12:00	Reports on Roundtable Discussions
12:00-12:15	Feedback and Concluding Remarks - Colmon Elridge
12:15-1:30	Luncheon and NCSB Corporate Business Meeting
1:30-2:30	Afternoon Keynote: "Changing Vistas: Licensure and Bilingual Service Provision" - Barbara Rodriguez
2:30-2:45	Break
2:45-3:30	"Practice Panorama: Considerations When Reviewing Internationally Trained Applicants" - Todd Philbrick, Karen Beverly-Ducker
3:30-4:30	"Sunshine and Transparency: Technology and Conduct of Board Meetings" - Vickie Pullins, Nahale Kalfas
4:30-5:30	"Praxis Panorama: CFCC Update and Current Status of the Praxis Examination in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology" - Todd Philbrick, Kathy Pruner

### **Saturday, October 22, 2016**

8:30-10:30	"Enchanted States: NCSB State Information Exchange" Amy Goldman, Facilitator
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-11:30	"Stranded in the Desert: Issues in Patient Abandonment" Gregg Thornton, Tammy Brown
11:30-12:00	"Scaling the Cliffs: Update on the 2016 Revised ASHA Code of Ethics" Heather Bupp
12:00-12:15	Final Announcements - Alison Lemke Invitation to the NCSB 30th Anniversary Conference - September 14-16, 2017, New Orleans - Kerri Phillips

Register online at [www.ncsb.info/2016/registration](http://www.ncsb.info/2016/registration)

## CONFERENCE HOTEL

Drury Plaza Hotel  
828 Paseo de Peralta  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501  
(505) 424-2175

Guest Room Rates: Single/Double: \$109 per night; Triple/Quad: 119 per night (not including taxes)  
Reservations: Reserve your room by calling 800-325-0720 and refer to the group code #2256164. The room block for Saturday night was filled as of early August; rooms are available for the other nights. Arrangements have been made for an overflow hotel as described below. Please check the NCSB Facebook page for current updates.

Parking: Valet parking is \$16.00 per day.

About the Drury Plaza Hotel: This recently renovated historic property is a short walk from downtown Santa Fe and the square. It features new rooms, free WI-FI, complimentary hot breakfast, complimentary happy hour drinks and snacks, and a rooftop bar and pool overlooking Santa Fe. There are numerous firepits and conversation areas on terraces and balconies.

### Overflow Hotel:

If you are unable to obtain room reservations for your desired dates of stay at the Drury, please contact the Hotel Chimayo de Santa Fe at 125 Washington Avenue (2 blocks from Drury Plaza). They will provide overflow sleeping rooms based on availability. Room rates are \$109 for Wednesday and Thursday nights and \$119 for Friday and Saturday nights. You may book your reservations by using the following online booking link:

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=63152&Chain=171238&arrive=10/19/2016&depart=10/10/2016&adult=1&child=0&group=B01116>

Or Call 800-529-5700 and specify that you are attending NCSB. If you book within the NCSB group block, the \$18/day parking fee will be waived.

Cutoff date for reservations is Monday, September 19; however, it is strongly recommended that you not wait until the cutoff date because of the limited number of rooms available.

### **Sandia Shuttle from Albuquerque Airport**

\$50 round trip after 8/1/16 with code NCSB16. Number is 888-775-5696 or book online at [www.sandiashuttle.com](http://www.sandiashuttle.com).

## **NCSB/ASHA Discussion on Interstate Compact Model**

NCSB has been having discussions with ASHA regarding participation in an Interstate Compact Model for the provision of audiology and speech-language pathology services.

Following is a letter sent by the NCSB President, Kerri Phillips, to Susan Adams at ASHA, as well as a response from Susan Adams to NCSB. Much of the morning session at NCSB this year will focus on this topic, and it is hoped that attendees will engage in discussions pertinent to their states' position on the topic.

Dear Susan,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of NCSB, I would like to offer comments on ASHA's position on an Interstate Compact for audiology and speech-language pathology. Preliminary discussions held by the NCSB BOD and ASHA staff indicate that this conversation should be happening. However, as with any new opportunity, all interested parties

should engage in slow, thoughtful planning and dialogue. As state licensure boards are bound to protect the consumer in each state, the discussions should never lose focus over this issue regardless of what the professions request.

In reviewing the slides that were presented to the ASHA BOD, we offer the following comments about the advantages of Interstate Compacts:

1. Discussions need to be held in terms of whether ASHA is addressing ALL practice of audiologists and speech-language pathologists or just limiting the discussion to telepractice.  
Would there be an issue with professionals who provide “in person” services that needs to be addressed as well?

OR

Should the discussion be limited to just audiologists and speech-language pathologists engaged in telepractice?

2. In previous discussion with ASHA staff, the use of the term Interstate Compact is not a term that NCSB BOD feels represents the discussion of telepractice. NCSB feels the term, licensure portability, more accurately represents the intent of these discussions.

In reviewing the slides that were presented to the ASHA BOD, we offer the following comments about the disadvantages of Interstate Compacts:

The greatest disadvantage is the potential harm to consumers if implementation is not well planned and financed.

Mutually agreed mechanisms between states need to be in place to protect consumers regardless of the state of residence.

Are there states that are prepared to move forward with this implementation and are adequate finances available to help start up and sustain the system?

There must be resources to assure timely entries regarding any actions against practitioners.

As you are aware, the mission of NCSB is to facilitate the role of state licensure boards through communication and education. I offer that ASHA representatives attend the 29th Annual NCSB conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico on October 20-22, 2016. Our conference this year is centered around discussion of licensure portability in order to gain input from licensure boards. The keynote speaker is, Colmon Elridge, the Director of The Council of State Governments National Center for Interstate Compacts. Please refer to the NCSB website: [info@ncsb.info](mailto:info@ncsb.info) for more information.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best,  
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318-680-3798

The following is a response from Susan Adams, J.D., ASHA Director of State Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy:

July 22, 2016

Dear Kerri,

Thank you for your comments. I think I can answer your questions. The plan is to address all practice of audiology and speech-language pathology through the compact. It will not be limited to telepractice, but will also ensure ease of moving from state to state for professionals, including military spouses.

We use the term interstate compact as a general term of art. Many professions use the terms license portability and interstate compact interchangeably. What it will be ultimately titled will likely be a result of discussions of the advisory/drafting committee. For example, the Federation of State Medical Boards refer to theirs as the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) refers to theirs as the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) refers to theirs as the

Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT), and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Refers to theirs as the Nurse Licensure Compact.

I'll plan to bring your concerns to the ASHA Board at the meeting next week and will reach out to update you on those discussions.

As you know, I will be attending the conference in the fall and look forward to continued discussions with NCSB on moving this issue forward.

Best,

Susan

**NOTE: If possible, please engage in this discussion with your state board prior to attending the meeting. Your input is important to ensure that the ultimate result is a compilation of information from all boards.**

### State Board Activity Highlight

NCSB is interested in what other licensure boards are doing with respect to membership, legislation, and unique successes and challenges. As such, the newsletter will spotlight one or more boards in each edition. Since NCSB will be in Santa Fe in October, Vickie Pullins contacted the New Mexico Board and asked them questions related to both Board functioning and future plans. Following are the responses:

Name of Board - Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensing Board

Board Composition - 11 members appointed by the Governor: 3 SLPs, 2 AUDs, 2 HAD, 3 Public Members, 1 Physician

Members - Keith Rohr

Dr. Elaine Almquist

Lillian Grijalva

Wesley Miller

Richard Mayer

Stephen Frazier

Victoria Smidt (Vice-Chair)

Dr. Richard Cram (Chair)

Bridget Guenther

Donald Thurn

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Hearing Aid Dispenser

Dispensing Audiologist

Speech-Language Pathologist

Hearing Aid Dispenser

Public Member

Public Member

Speech-Language Pathologist

Dispensing Audiologist

Speech-Language Pathologist

Public Member

Otolaryngologist

Board Address - Toney Anaya Building  
2550 Cerrillos Road  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Miscellaneous -

Legal counsel is provided by the state attorney general's office

No proposed legislative action since the NC Dental Board case

May be interested in joining NCSB and attending the conference

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