

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE RULES GOVERNING
THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR INTERPRETERS BETWEEN HEARING
INDIVIDUALS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DEAF, DEAFBLIND, HARD OF
HEARING, AND ORAL DEAF OF THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**

March 19, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Catherine Tapp, MPH (via phone)
Robbie Thomas Knight, Ph.D. (via phone)

GUESTS PRESENT

Elizabeth Pitman, MPH, General Counsel
Leslie Lovett, Board of Health Liaison

MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

The special meeting regarding the Rules Governing the Advisory Board of Interpreters was held on Thursday, March 19, 2015, in the Trauma Conference Room of the Arkansas Department of Health in Little Rock, Arkansas. Members participating by conference call were Catherine Tapp, MPH and Robbie Thomas Knight, Ph.D. The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

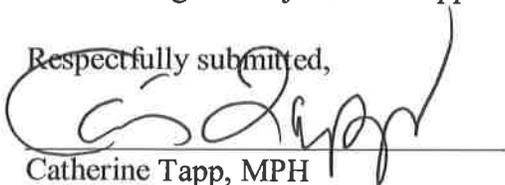
The Advisory Board for Interpreters between Hearing Individuals and Individuals who are Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, and Oral Deaf met on March 6, 2015, to discuss revisions to the Rules Governing the Advisory Board for Interpreters. The following revisions were proposed by the Advisory Board:

- To add the phrase hereinafter referred to as "Interpreter" to the definitions of Licensed Provisional Interpreter and Licensed Qualified Interpreter and to delete any reference to Licensed Qualified Interpreter when the Rule is actually referring to both types of Interpreters.
- To clarify the requirements for Initial Licensure and Renewal Applications.
- To add a section on "teaming" to the Summary of Credentials. This section allows for a less qualified Interpreter to work with a more qualified Interpreter to build his or her skill level.
- To move around some of the settings in the Proficiency Levels based on recommendations from an *ad hoc* committee comprised of an Advisory Board member and some members of the Interpreting Community. The *ad hoc* committee decided to continue to meet for the remainder of the calendar year to continue to improve upon the proficiency level requirements.
- To allow a Board Member to file a complaint based on information received verbally or anonymously.

Department staff also recommended adding a credentialing category that allows the Board to approve credentials other than those enumerated. This is allowed by Statute and has already been done by the Advisory Board.

The Subcommittee made the recommendation of adoption and agreed to take it to the full Board. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Tapp, MPH
Chairman