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# SMCSLHA

San Mateo County Speech-Language and Hearing Association



## We're Going Green!

Dear Members,

This past December the SMCSLHA Board made the decision to “go green.” Since our website [www.smcslha.org](http://www.smcslha.org) has been up and running for a few years now, and all information regarding our membership, workshop events (including flyers), Board contacts, and past newsletters is available there, we made the decision to discontinue our paper newsletter and instead focus on keeping pertinent information available for our members on our website. We will continue to email out reminders of our upcoming workshops and membership renewals, so please make sure we have your current email address on file.

As always, you can contact any of the Board members if you have questions or concerns. At this time we will continue to mail out membership directories to all active members.

Thank you.

The SMCSLHA Board

## *What's Going on?*

*Happy New Year!* We hope all of our members will join us for our upcoming workshop this March. You won't want to miss our speaker, so make sure to mark your calendars.

**Marge Blanc, MA, CCC-SLP,  
Director, Communication Development Center  
March 3, 2017**

*“When Speech Gets Stuck: Rethinking ‘Non-Verbal’ Autism”*

*Please do not contact the SMCOE regarding our workshops. If you have any questions about our workshops or membership please contact Robin Silk at [mrlapin@pacbell.net](mailto:mrlapin@pacbell.net).*

## *Retiring This Year??*

Are you retiring this year? Do you know of a colleague who is? We would love the opportunity to recognize and celebrate our retiring colleagues for all their hard work and dedication to the field of Speech Pathology and Audiology at the annual SMCSLHA luncheon. Please contact Julie Oeser at [taxio@comcast.net](mailto:taxio@comcast.net) as soon as possible with any retiree information.

## *SMCSLHA Library*

We lend books, DVDs, CDs, and other materials for two weeks at a time. If you wish to borrow any of our materials, please contact Marie Pacquet at [mbpacquet@gmail.com](mailto:mbpacquet@gmail.com)

### **Books:**

How to Stop Drooling/Pam Marshalla  
 How to Stop Thumbsucking/Pam Marshalla  
 Apraxia Uncovered (book and DVD)/Pam Marshalla  
 It's on the Tip of my Tongue/Diane German

### **DVDs:**

Vowel Tracks (Pam Marshalla)  
 Childhood Apraxia of Speech – Differential DX & Practical TX Strategies (Ruth Stoeckel)  
 Social Thinking: Across the Home and School Day (Michelle Garcia Winner)

### **CDs:**

Kids Express: Imitation Station  
 Autism: The Parental Roller Coaster by George L. Rodriguez

### **Tests/Assessments:**

Test of Childhood Stuttering (TOCS)  
 Classroom Performance Assessment (CPA)  
 Hodson Assessment of Phonological Patterns (HAPP-3) –Manual, protocols

### **Therapy Materials:**

Focus on Fluency: A Tool Kit for Creative Therapy (SuperDuper)  
 Complex Cluster Cards (Jennifer Taps)

## *Need to Contact Us?*

Below is contact information for each of our Board Members.

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## *Upcoming Event Information*

- **March 3, 2017 – SMCSLHA Workshop -** “When Speech Gets Stuck: Rethinking ‘Non-Verbal’ Autism”– Presented by Marge Blanc, M.A., CCC-SLP – San Mateo County Office of Education, Redwood City, CA. For more information contact Robin Silk at 650-454-0729 or [mrlapin@pacbell.net](mailto:mrlapin@pacbell.net)
- **May 12, 2017 – SMCSLHA Luncheon** – Details to follow.

We hope to see you at these SMCSLHA events.

## Licensing Update ~ Patti Solomon-Rice

### **Highlights of the November 3-4, 2016 Licensing Board Meeting in Pasadena**

#### ***Update on Board's Sunset Oversight Review Report***

Sunset Review is mandated by the Legislature every four years. The report allows the Legislature to review the laws and regulations pertaining to the board and evaluate its programs and policies, determine whether the board operates and enforces regulatory responsibilities and is carrying out its statutory duties, and examine fiscal management practices and financial relationships with other agencies.

If the Board is successful in meeting these responsibilities, the Board is continued for an additional four years.

Regarding Board action and responses from the most recent 2012 Sunset Report, at that time it was recommended that legislation be passed requiring applicants moving to California and applying for licenses, who held licenses in other states, to produce to the Board a disciplinary data bank report. This was not passed by the Legislature due to the additional costs to the applicant. Since that time, the Board has approved language for a fee increase which has not been enacted. The proposed fee increase would allow the Board to cover the cost of the disciplinary data bank report.

Regarding new issues before the Board since 2012, there are three new issues related to speech-language pathology.

- 1) Shortages in the speech-language pathology profession: While the Board has significantly decreased the timeframe for processing SLP applications, a severe shortage of SLPs exists in CA. As a result, the Board recommends a) expanding SLP programs in CA beyond the current 18 programs; b) educating school administrators about the differences between the SLP and SLPA scopes of practice; and c) revising the Master Plan to allow UC's to develop master's level programs in speech-language pathology, particularly at those UC campuses operating within medical centers.
- 2) English language proficiency requirements for foreign-trained speech-language pathology applicants: Whatever the primary language of the consumer, the SLP must be fluent in understanding and using English, as well as be highly intelligible in speaking English. The Board recommends amending current statutes to a) allow the Board to establish a minimum score in English proficiency testing for foreign-trained speech-language pathology applicants to assure adequate English comprehension, English production and English speech intelligibility; and b) waive the above requirement for applicants from English-speaking countries (Canada, UK, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand).
- 3) Eliminating the speech-language pathology aide designation: The speech-language pathology aide designation regulations require no formal education, no licensure, no continuing education and no disciplinary actions for maintaining registration, unlike the SLPA. The Board recommends eliminating the speech-language pathology aide designation as SLPA licensure provides far more consumer protection and serves the same role as the speech-language pathology aide.

#### ***Update on Speech-Language Pathology Service Credential/Variable Term Waiver -***

Dr. Dee Parker, SLP member of SLPAHADB, has been in contact with representatives from the CDE (California Department of Education) and the CTC. It was determined that a collaborative effort between the three organizations is needed to create a one-page fact sheet on CDE letterhead that defines the scopes of practice of the SLPA and SLP and highlights the need for SLPA supervision by SLPs. The fact sheet would be distributed to the appropriate personnel within public school districts.

#### ***Update by Executive Officer***

Executive Office Paul Sanchez reported:

- The Board was successful in gaining an additional position through the state budget process. One permanently funded licensing analyst was hired in September, 2016 with a primary responsibility for processing licensing applications.





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