

# Hearing Instrument Dispenser Advisory Council Minutes

JUNE 13, 2023

## Attendees

### Council Members

- Dale Thorstad
- Robert McLachlan
- Richard Caruso

### MDH Staff

- Alison Helm
- Julianna Leintz
- Pete Meuwissen
- Rick Michals
- Daphne Ponds
- Debbie Thao

## Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved as written

## Additions / Adoptions of Agenda

No additions noted

Agenda was adopted

## Announcements

No announcements noted

## Staff Reports

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

## Old Business

- The Council has one Public Member opening
- Current list of active proctors: Brian Ambrosius, Gretchen Burk, Josie Helmbrecht, Kimberly Johnson, Carly Kempton, Margaret Ann Koeritzer, Eric LaTour, Scott Lau, Todd Lau, Carrie Meyer, Amy Rothermel, Melissa Sanders, Jennifer A Ward and Jason Welch

## New Business

- HID Exam Modernization – The last HID Exam was Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> there were 13 new candidates and 3 retaking the exam. Two of the 3 retakes passed the portion of test they failed previously, the third failed again. Of the 13 new candidates 8 passed all portions and 5 failed. The virtual audiogram portion is requiring candidates to adapt a little bit. There seems to be an issue with candidates either not practicing with CounselEAR or failing to read the instructions carefully. CounselEAR allows us to administer a consistent exam to all examinees. Prior to this we had examinees using various audiometers and this gives them the opportunity to practice.

## Quorum

- We did not have a quorum today.

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