

**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY GOVERNING BOARD
OFFICE OF LICENSED ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

In The Matter Of:

Docket #04-2011-13

Heather A. Pattangall, SLP
(Adjudicatory/Disciplinary Proceeding)

DECISION AND ORDER

By the Board: Maureen Heckman, SLP, Chair, Debra E. Kaufman, SLP, Laura Darling, SLP, Deborah Snow-Major, SLP, and Luann Udell, Public Member

Also present: Tina M. Kelley, Administrator to the Board

Appearances: Heather A. Pattangall, SLP
Janine Gawryl, Attorney

On September 12, 2013, the New Hampshire Speech-Language Pathology Governing Board (“Board”) held a hearing in the matter of Heather A. Pattangall, SLP (“Ms. Pattangall”) pursuant to the Board’s “Notice of Hearing”. The hearing was held in accordance with RSA 328-F:23, RSA 328-F: 24, RSA 541-A, Ahp 200 and Spe 200. Ms. Pattangall was represented by Attorney Gawryl. The purpose of the hearing was to determine whether and to what extent Ms. Pattangall is in violation of the Settlement Agreement signed by the Board’s Chair, Deborah E. Kaufman on December 1, 2011.

Following a full hearing and after deliberation by the Board, the Board finds the following:

- Ms. Pattangall failed to complete a live six (6) hour supervisory skills continuing education program approved by ASHA in violation of Paragraph 7. C and 8 of the 2011 Settlement Agreement.
- Ms. Pattangall failed to notify the Board of her current business addresses while practicing as a Speech-Language Pathologist at Functional Communication Therapies, Inc., Manchester Schools District, and Nashua Community College in violation of RSA 328-F:23, II(j), Spe 406.01(a)(1), and/or Spe 406.01(a)(2).

- Ms. Pattangall testified that she believed that she was not in violation of the Board's rules and laws because she was self-employed and signing contracts for her services with each of the employers listed above. The Board finds that even if this were the intent of the laws and rules Ms. Pattagnall failed to provide the Board the business address where she was self-employed in violation of RSA 328-F:23, II(j), Spe 406.01(a)(1), and/or Spe 406.01(a)(2).

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED, that Ms. Pattangall's license is **SUSPENDED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Ms. Pattangall meaningfully participate in a live six (6) hour supervisory skills continuing education program. This program shall be approved by ASHA. These hours shall be in addition to the hours required by the Board for renewal of licensure renewal or reinstatement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Ms. Pattangall meaningfully participate in the ProBE Professional/Problem-Based Ethics course.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Ms. Pattangall is eligible for reinstatement of her suspended license upon written request and proof of completion of both the supervisory skills continuing education program approved by ASHA and the ProBE Professional/Problem-Based Ethics course.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Pattangall shall bear all costs of complying with the terms of this Decision and Order, but she shall be permitted to share such costs with third parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of this Decision and Order, as further defined below, Ms. Pattangall shall furnish a copy of this Decision and Order to any current employer for whom the she performs services as a Speech-Language Pathologist and to any agency or authority which licenses, certifies or credentials Speech-Language Pathologists, with which Ms. Pattangall is presently affiliated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Pattangall's breach of any terms and conditions of this Decision and Order shall constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to RSA 328-F:23, II.

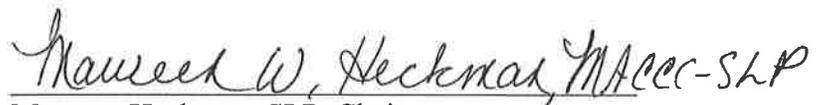
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision and Order shall become a permanent part of Ms. Pattangall's file, which is maintained by the Board as a public document.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision and Order shall take effect as a final Order of the Board on the date it is signed by an authorized representative of the Board.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Date: October 3, 2013


Maureen Heckman, SLP, Chair
Speech-Language Pathology Governing Board

