

Minutes of the  
**Occupational Licensing Reform (OLR) Workgroup**  
Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
**TEAMS** Conference Call

**Members present:** Katie Ralston Howe, Representative Cindy Schreiber - Beck, Representative Emily O'Brien, Senator Judy Lee, Rick Gardner Janna Pastir  
**Guests:** Carolyn Laird

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**WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

Representative Cindy Schreiber-Beck called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., welcoming members to the OLR subcommittee via the Microsoft TEAMS video conferencing platform.

**AUDIOLOGIST BOARD AND HEARING AID SPECIALIST BOARD**

**Senator Judy Lee**

Senator Lee discussed the differences between the hearing aid board and the audiologist board.

- The Board of Hearing Aid Specialists meet quarterly in April and October, along with coordinating the time for the audiologists to take the exam during those meeting times. If proctors are available, they can administer the exams, outside of the normal quarterly meeting times.
- There is no formal process for filing a complaint or board discrepancies.
  - It was mentioned that a complaint clearinghouse needs to be established for all applicants and employers regarding board complaints.

**BOARD SPECIFIC ISSUES IN THE INTERIM**

**Katie Ralston Howe**

Licensed Addiction Counselors In North Dakota

- Not enough Addiction Counselors are available
- ND requires Addiction Counselors to be licensed
  - Licensing becomes a barrier, as some other states do not require licensing
  - Certified vs Licensed Addiction Counselors

**NEXT STEPS**

**Cindy Schreiber Beck**

For this year's survey, the complaint process needs to be addressed.

Presenters in April or early May:

- Pam Sagness, ND Department of Health, Behavioral Health Division
- Amy Veith, ND Department of Correction, Clinical Services

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.