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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Amy Hall, Executive Secretary
Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
Pathology and Audiology
P.O. Box 53592
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April 25, 2018

Dear Executive Secretary Hall:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology intends to take pursuant to a consent agreement in Case No. 17-09. The licensee failed to supervise a speech language pathology assistant. The Board proposes to require the licensee for the next six months to provide weekly direct supervision to all speech language pathology assistants she supervises in accordance with Board rules, document the direct supervision in the patient record, and maintain monthly logs to track the supervision

The Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2016, §§ 1601–1622, gives the Board the power and duty to “regulate the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology in this state,” and to discipline licensees that violate the provisions of the Act or any rules promulgated by the Board. 59 O.S.2011, §§ 1610(A)(1), (3), (6), (11); 1619(A). The Board’s rules set out the standards a licensee must follow when supervising an assistant. OAC 690:10-7-3. The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to deter future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State of Oklahoma’s policy to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

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