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RE: Adverse Information Received, and Brigham Young University Response to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, dated March 10, 2022

Dear Dr. Dromey:

As Chair of the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA), which accredits graduate education programs in audiology and speech-language pathology, I am writing to inform you that our office has received adverse information relating to the accredited master's program in speech-language pathology at Brigham Young University (BYU). Copies of the information that was submitted are attached to this letter. The CAA is also in receipt of the March 10, 2022 letter from Dr. C. Shane Reese, Academic Vice President at BYU sent to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) in response to the ASHA statement posted on February 11, 2022.

You should note that at the outset the CAA has made no judgments regarding 1) the adverse information except that the information received alleges a matter within the CAA's jurisdiction and has been deemed credible; and 2) the program's compliance with the Standards for Accreditation. In accordance with the procedures for CAA's Adverse Information policy (CAA *Accreditation Handbook*, Chapter XIII.C, <https://caa.asha.org/siteassets/files/accreditation-handbook.pdf>), the Executive Committee of the CAA carefully reviewed the correspondence and determined that the information meets the conditions to investigate, including that the information relates to the current Standards for Accreditation (<https://caa.asha.org/siteassets/files/accreditation-standards-for-graduate-programs.pdf>). Therefore, the CAA is proceeding with the investigation to determine if the master's program in speech-language pathology at Brigham Young University remains in compliance with the Standards for Accreditation.

In addition, we appreciate that BYU has taken the time to respond to ASHA's statement and provide clarifications. Per your letter, we would like to learn more about your program goals and educational model as it relates to the adverse information and to CAA's Standards for Accreditation.

The CAA would like the program to provide a clarifying response on the following questions:

1. Please describe the relationship between the master's program in speech-language pathology and the speech and language clinic? Clarify which entity has authority and responsibility for the on-campus clinic.

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2. If there is a relationship between the graduate program and the clinic, describe recent changes to your client eligibility services and processes.
3. Please describe how the program complies with all of the following Standards for Accreditation and requirements for review:
 - 1.6 Program Authority and Responsibility for the Program
 - 1.8 Equitable Treatment
 - 3.1B Overall Curriculum Sufficiency for Speech-Language Pathology
 - 3.4B Diversity Reflected into the Curriculum
 - 4.2 Student Adaptations
 - 3.8B Clinical Education: Client Welfare
 - 4.2 Student Adaptations

The program must respond within 10 days of this letter forwarding the adverse information as to whether or not it intends to provide complete responsive information and supporting documentation considered relevant to address the adverse information. The CAA may draw reasonable inferences from a program's failure to provide a response to the adverse information. The program must respond to all of the specific elements identified in the adverse information and describe how the program addressed the concerns as they related to CAA's standards, policies or procedures. The formal response will be due 45 days from the date of the notification letter (June 1, 2022). The institution's president or president's designee may contribute to the response.

Your response can be sent to my attention as the CAA Chair at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2200 Research Boulevard, Mail Stop 301, Rockville, MD 20850-3289. **In lieu of mailing a response, you may send a response via email** to caareports@asha.org. Please copy Allen Read, Accreditation Program Coordinator (aread@asha.org), on any correspondence/email for tracking purposes.

Please contact Kimberlee Moore at kmoore@asha.org if you have questions or need additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Gale Rice, PhD, Chair
Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

Attachments: BYU Response to ASHA, March 10, 2022
2022.02.09 2022-01AI Benjamin Stair Adverse Information
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2022.02.11 2022-01AI Little Heroes Pediatric Hearing Clinic Letter to ASHA BoD

cc: C. Shane Reese, BYU Academic Vice President
Kimberlee Moore, Chief Accreditation Officer