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Southwestern Pennsylvania Speech/Language/Hearing Association

Naomi Landy Workshop

10/24/15

Where: Children's Institute
1405 Shady Ave., Squirrel Hill

When: Saturday October 24, 2015

Time: 9:00AM – NOON
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Featured Speaker & Topics:

Dr. Ellen Cohn - The Future of Telepractice
(abstract & outcomes p.2)

Town hall meeting - with updates from
PSHA President-Elect Dr. Ellen Cohn

Election of Officers

Workshop Fees

Free for Members

\$10 Student Non-Members

\$20 Professional Non-Members

Additional \$10 fee for those seeking Act 48

<http://www.swpscha.org/>

Please pass this along to any SLPs who may be interested!

**IS TELEPRACTICE IN YOUR FUTURE?
MAKING AN INFORMED DECISION**

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Abstract:

Telepractice operates within a complex and fast changing environment. In 2015, this telecommunications-based service delivery mode is being shaped and constrained by numerous influencers: disruptive new technologies; state and federal regulations; state professional licensure boards; reimbursement; professional associations (including their standards and guidelines); and above all, powerful financial forces.

How can SWPSHA members efficiently “read” the current environment and anticipate future trends? This session will provide an overview of the environment and help you to decide how (and if) to interact with telepractice: as a part-time employee of a large corporate practice, a sole practitioner, a practitioner employed in a school or health care setting; or as a curious, but cautious observer.

Learning Objectives:

After attending this session, participants will be able to:

- Identify some of the benefits of current telepractice.
- Describe barriers to telepractice in 2015.
- Discuss practice options for their future engagement in telepractice.
- Locate authoritative sources of information about telepractice.

Speaker’s Conflicts of Interest:

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