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MICHIGAN BOARD OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION JANUARY 14, 2009 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Dietetics and Nutrition met in regular session on January 14, 2009 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center (UL), Conference Room 2, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Eileen Mikus, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Eileen Mikus, M.S., Chairperson
Coco Newton, M.P.H., Vice Chairperson
Carl Christoph, J.D.
Eugene Magnuson, Public Member
William Prout, Public Member
Lorraine Weatherspoon, Ph.D.

Members Absent:

Mohey Mowafy, Ph.D.

Staff Present:

Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division
Amy Shell, Policy Administration Mgr, Licensing Division
Desmond Mitchell, Analyst, Licensing Division
Laurie VanBeelen, Board Secretary, Licensing Division

Others Present:

Katherine DeGrow, DeGrow & Associates
Susanne Consiglio, Michigan Dietetic Association
Richard E. Tapert
Marilyn Schmidt
Jillian Beckman-Eaton, Metagenics
Susan Pennell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Weatherspoon, seconded by Prout, to approve the December 2, 2008 meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Magnuson, seconded by Newton, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

Administrative Rules

Ramsdell advised that a rules subcommittee has been created to further review the credentials under consideration and their compatibility with the requirements of law for education, experience and supervision. Mikus and Newton will serve on this subcommittee and report back to the Board at the March meeting.

Discussion began on draft 1 of the rules which was provided to the Board at the December meeting. It was decided that the rules subcommittee would add educational programs to the issues they are addressing. Discussion was also held regarding continuing education alternatives. The Department will review other states' requirements and provide that information to the Board.

Discussion regarding the Administrative Rules will continue at the March meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Department Update

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Tapper, DO, stated that he consults with physicians who specialize in nutrition in their practices. He is concerned that medical practitioners who are qualified in the area of nutrition would be disparaged because they do not hold credentials specific to the Board of Dietetics and Nutrition.

Marilyn Schmidt referred to the rule that speaks to supervised postdegree experience and asked the Board to be mindful of individuals who need to continue to be employed full time while taking steps to achieve full licensure status.

Jill Beckman-Eaton indicated that she educates physicians in functional medicine. She said that she is aware of "witch hunt" tactics that have occurred outside of Michigan and is fearful that these activities could take place in Michigan against physicians who do not hold credentials specific to the Board of Dietetics and Nutrition.

Susan Pennell provided written information and requested that the Board take into consideration those individuals who are transitioning from their current career to that of nutrition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 11, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., in the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 2, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

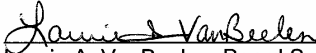
MOTION by Prout, seconded by Weatherspoon, to adjourn at 10:38 a.m.

MOTION PREVAILED



Eileen Mikus, Chairperson

3/11/09
Date Minutes Approved



Laurie A. VanBeelen, Board Secretary

January 22, 2009
Date Minutes Prepared