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MICHIGAN BOARD OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION JANUARY 18, 2008

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 18, 2008, at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa Street, Conference Room 1, Upper Level Parking, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Eileen Mikus, Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Carl Christoph
Eugene Magnuson
Eileen Mikus
Mohey Mowafy
Coco Newton
William Prout
Lorraine Weatherspoon

Staff Present:

Brooke Parmalee, Secretary
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division
Lucinda Clark, Manager, Licensing Division
Liz Arasim, Policy Analyst, Licensing Division
Tim Andrews, Manager, Licensing Division
Natasha Oginsky, Intern, Licensing Division

Others Present:

Kathy DeGrow – DeGrow & Associates Inc.
Representing the MI Dietetic Association
Susanne Conorglio
Charity _____
Roger Newton
Mark Williams

INTRODUCTIONS

Board members and staff introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mowafy, seconded by Christoph, to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

Orientation deleted from the third agenda item;
Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2007 added to agenda;
Old Business added before New Business; and
The meeting date corrected to read March 25, 2008.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Christoph, to approve the minutes of October 26, 2007 as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

A. Administrative Rules

Mikus and Weatherspoon each had handouts for the board to review. Newton and Mowafy are going to get information updates in their areas of expertise for the next meeting that relate to those handouts.

Ramsdell asked what the board would like its license to say. She explained that Section 18351 1b gives the meaning of dieticians and nutritionist. The board can use either of those titles.

Ramsdell stated that after today, the rules will be drafted for basic practices. There are some things that go into all professions. However, nutrition cannot be carved as a subset of dietetics because the law says that they are "equal". The licenses for nutritionists and dietitians are equivalent.

Mikus would like clarification of what the Certified Clinical Nutritionist curriculum includes because she has not heard of some of the courses in the packet. Newton stated that she can provide the board with the literature for the post graduate studies. She asked if she could have 15 to 20 minutes on the agenda for the next meeting to give a short presentation on the subjects in question. That presentation will be added to the agenda.

Ramsdell asked the board if they would like to verify academic credentials as well as certification. ***The board decided there is no need to verify credentials as long as the licensee is a Registered Dietician.*** A current certification for a Registered Dietician will be required for a full license in the State of Michigan. For the first year, the license fee will be \$150 and the license will be good for one year. After the first year, licenses will be valid for 2 years with a fee of \$150.

A grandfather provision is in place that states anyone who is registered as a CDR can become licensed. Essentially, the grandfather requirements are the same as the licensing requirements. There will be a specific date by which individuals have to have their license, or they will not be permitted to practice.

The board would like to include a provision in the rules for a limited license for individuals that have completed their degree but are trying to complete post degree experience. Often times the exam is only offered twice a year. A limited license for those individuals would allow them to work upon the provision of passing the exam. For an educational limited license, verification of graduation from an accredited program will be necessary. In addition to checking education, licensees will be asked to verify that they are in a training program that has been approved.

Licensees must have their education completed and must be in an approved training program under direct supervision and the supervisor must be licensed under the Dietetics and Nutrition Act. The supervisors will have to be given time to become licensed under the act once those requirements have been established.

Another license type to include in the rules is a temporary license. An example is when an individual has completed his or her education and experience but was unable to complete the CDR exam. In this situation the individual would like a chance to practice and pass the CDR exam within two years. This person must have been practicing for 3 out of the past 10 years. Having a temporary license would give the person time to complete the licensing process. A degree in one of the areas listed is required as well as verification from the employer that the individual has been employed for the required 3 years.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Department Update

No department update.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roger Newton has been a research scientist for 35 years and is trained as a nutritional biochemist. He is interested in pursuing the "nutrition" part of the regulation of cholesterol. He learned a lot by attending the meeting, but would also like to add that

he would not be able to pursue that particular career if he had to have an ADA accredited degree, because he does not possess one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 25, 2008 in the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 1, Upper Level Parking, Lansing, Michigan.

The meeting dates for the rest of the year will be as follows:

Friday, May 30, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.
Monday, August 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.
Friday, October 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

All these meetings are tentative until availability of conference rooms can be confirmed. The board will be notified once that happens.

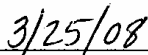
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mowafy, seconded by Magnuson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

MOTION PREVAILED



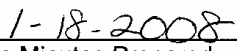
Eileen Mikus, Chairperson



Date Minutes Approved



Brooke Parmalee, Secretary



Date Minutes Prepared