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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION MARCH 11, 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 March 11, 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 8:47 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 (arrived at 9:03 a.m.)  
Lorraine Weatherspoon, Ph.D.

**Members Absent:**

Mohey Mowafy, Ph.D.  
William Prout, Public Member

**Staff Present:**

Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division (arrived at 8:57 a.m.)  
Amy Shell, Policy Administration Manager, Licensing Division  
Laurie VanBeelen, Board Secretary, Licensing Division

**Others Present:**

Charity Simpkins, West Branch Regional  
Kathy DeGrow, DeGrow & Associates  
Renee Surdu, Cornerstone Wellness, PC  
Fadwa Gillanders, HFHS  
Susanne Consiglio, Nutrition Balance  
Elia Acuna, D.C., ACBN

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION* by Weatherspoon, seconded by Newton, to approve the January 14, 2009 meeting minutes as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*MOTION* by Newton, seconded by Christoph, to approve the agenda with the following addition:

Under 5. Old Business, add A. Previous Correspondence. "Administrative Rules" will be changed to B.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Previous Correspondence**

Mikus addressed previous correspondence directed to the Board and discussion was held amongst the Board members. Correspondence received at today's meeting will be addressed at the May meeting.

### **Administrative Rules**

Shell indicated that the rules subcommittee is continuing discussions concerning the issue of educational program standards and substantially equivalent language. More information from the subcommittee will be available for the Boards' review at the May meeting. The rules subcommittee will be meeting following today's full board meeting.

The Board continued discussion of the Administrative Rules beginning at rule 8.

*MOTION* by Weatherspoon that licensure shall be granted to an applicant who possesses as BS, MS, or PhD degree from a United States regionally accredited institution of higher education approved by the department with a major course of study in human nutrition, nutrition education, foods and nutrition, dietetics, or food systems management.

No second was made. The motion failed.

The Board reviewed and discussed the remainder of draft 1 of the rules.

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

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

### **Guidelines for Public Comment**

Mikus asked the Department staff and Board to arrive at a consensus regarding the format for public comment. Shell reminded the Board that pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, anyone can address the Board without being required to provide their name or background information. Additionally, the meeting does not have a scheduled ending time. Mikus concluded the discussion by asking individuals in the audience who wished to address the Board to give their name and who they represent if they felt comfortable doing so and also asked that comments be limited to no more than three minutes, if possible.

### **Department Update**

Shell indicated that the Medical Marihuana Program is in the final stages and is scheduled to begin on April 4, 2009.

Magnuson commented that March 11 is Registered Dietitian Day.

## ***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Dr. Elia Acuna stated that in order for a certifying organization to be NOCA approved, it must require individuals to have a Bachelor's or Master's degree. She also stated that her practice is approximately 50% nutrition based. She recommended that the Board consider accepting continuing education seminars which are approved by the Chiropractic Board if the seminar is nutrition-related.

Dr. Fadwa Gillanders stated that she is a pharmacist for Henry Ford Health System and she regularly consults with physicians regarding patients' nutrition needs. However, she is aware of boundary issues and frequently refers patients to a nutritionist for consultation. She also indicated that she has participated in Metagenic seminars and would recommend that dietitians and nutritionists who participate in Metagenic seminars be given continuing education credit.

Renee Surdu of Cornerstone Wellness indicated that she is in support of dietitians and other medical practitioners who practice functional nutrition. She thanked the Board for working to help individuals participate in preventive wellness. She asked the Board to consider granting continuing education credit for courses or seminars pertaining to nutrition for which other boards grant continuing education credit. She also cautioned the Board to be mindful that individuals with a limited license may have a difficult time securing employment.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

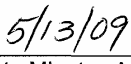
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 2, Lansing, Michigan.

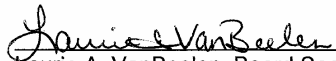
## **ADJOURNMENT**

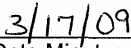
*MOTION* by Weatherspoon, seconded by Magnuson, to adjourn at 10:43 a.m.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

  
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Eileen Mikus, Chairperson

  
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Date Minutes Approved

  
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Laurie A. VanBeelen, Board Secretary

  
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Date Minutes Prepared