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MICHIGAN BOARD OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION MARCH 25, 2008 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 25, 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 10:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Carl Christoph, Professional Member
Eugene Magnuson, Public Member
Eileen Mikus, Professional Member
Mohey Mowafy, Ph.D., Professional Member
Coco Newton, M.P.H., Professional Member
William Prout, Public Member
Lorraine Weatherspoon, Ph.D., Professional Member

Staff Present:

Brooke Parmalee, Secretary
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division
Lucinda Clark, Manager, Licensing Division
(arrived at 10:08 a.m.)
Liz Arasim, Policy Analyst, Licensing Division
Desmond Mitchell, Analyst, Licensing Division

Others Present:

Lee McDonagh, IHA
Susanne Consiglio, Nutrition Balance
Mark Williams
Randolfe O'Dell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Weatherspoon, seconded by Mowafy to approve the January 18, 2008 meeting minutes with the following corrections:

Page 2 under Old Business, Administrative Rules paragraph 4, instead of "nutritionists are being taught" add "**Certified Clinical Nutritionist curriculum includes**"; and

Page 4, in the last paragraph before New Business, add the word "**exam**" after CDR both times in that paragraph, and in the third sentence, change the word "get" to the word "**pass**."

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Mowafy, seconded by Magnuson to approve the agenda with the following corrections:

Add under New Business – **C. Nutrition Month Announcement.**

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

A. CCN Perspective on Nutrition Related Conditions – Coco Newton

Newton gave a presentation on her knowledge of Detoxification, Leaky Gut Syndrome, and Dysbiosis. She gave a summary of the handouts sent to board members for the benefit of the public present at the meeting.

B. Science Based Practice within Nutrition Professional Scope of Practice – Eileen Mikus

Mikus discussed the flexible scope of practice framework that defines the profession.

C. Foundation Knowledge, Skills, and Competency Requirements – Lorraine Weatherspoon

Weatherspoon stated that the CDR requires a comprehensive list of competencies and referred the board to the handout provided at the January 18, 2008 meeting. The National Organization for Competency Awareness provides a system of checks and balances to ensure a high standard of care. Ramsdell will provide the board with information about NOCA at the next board meeting.

D. Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists – Eileen Mikus

This is a board that is used in several other states for licensure laws. The board members would like more information on this.

E. Administrative Rules

Ramsdell stated that the board needs to be able to identify if there are other certification bodies that the board would like to include in its rules. Newton would like to have the board identify in the rules how other groups can be included in the future with regard to licensure. Ramsdell stated that decisions need to be made in order to move forward with the rules. If there are alternative certifications that the board wants included, that needs to be decided so the rules can be started. Weatherspoon asked if it would be possible to go with CDR for now and then go from there in order to move forward with the rules. Ramsdell stated that the rules can be drafted and the CDR will be included after other Board programs have been developed.

Prout asked if the basics of certification for all of the groups could be laid out and identified to form the base for making decisions. Ramsdell stated that the department would put a chart together.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Department Update

Desmond Mitchell is the new rules person. Diane Lewis' position has been approved to be filled.

B. Nutritionist/Dietician Legislation in Other States – Rae Ramsdell

The term "Dietician/Nutritionist" will be used for licensure. Preliminary rules will be drafted to get the board started, but keep in mind that they can be changed. Ramsdell stated that the draft rules will be a working document for the board to look at and asked that the members keep that as a working document amongst themselves. Until the board is ready for public hearing and until the final document is ready to look at, please be cautious.

C. Nutrition Month Announcement

Magnuson informed the board of what was done at his place of employment in honor of nutrition month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susanne Consiglio is a Registered Dietician and the Executive Director for the Michigan Dietetic Association. She is concerned with what groups will be allowed to be licensed

and the use of supplements. She also stated that the MDA members are frequently asking when they will have licensure.

Lee McDonagh is the former president of Michigan Dietetic Association. She has concerns about consumers knowing what is legitimate in terms of treatment. The public must know what they are getting into.

Randolph O'Dell is concerned that chiropractors would not be involved. He would like the board to recognize that the responsibility of the board is great and alternative views are important.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 30, 2008 in the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 2, Upper Level Parking, Lansing, Michigan.

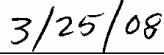
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mowafy, seconded by Prout to adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

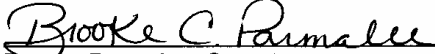
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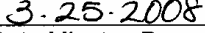
Eileen Mikus, Chairperson



Date Minutes Approved



Brooke Parmalee, Secretary



Date Minutes Prepared