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MICHIGAN BOARD OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION MAY 13, 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 May 13, 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 10:13 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 Manager, Licensing Division
Desmond Mitchell, Analyst, Licensing Division
Laurie VanBeelen, Board Secretary, Licensing Division

Others Present:

Elia Acuna, DC, ACBN
Pamela Sadler
Jill Beckman-Eaton, Metagenics
Susan Pennell, RPh, CCN
Sarah Hegger, MS, DC
Katherine Briggs Goldberg, MS, RD
Kathy Rhodes, PhD, RD

Linda Markiewicz
Marjie Andrejciw, MS, NC
Susan Pontack, RN, Metagenics
Kelly Scanlon
Laura Burkett
Caroline Trapp
Cathy Whitener
Amanda Diephouse
Sue Scharf, Wellness Forum
Derek Webber, Standard Process
John Armstrong, Sparrow Hospital

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Weatherspoon, seconded by Christoph, to approve the March 11, 2009 meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

Administrative Rules

The Rules Committee provided the Board with recommendations regarding educational requirements and acceptance of certain nutrition credentials as evidence of meeting educational requirements for licensure. Discussion was held regarding the recommendations.

MOTION by Newton, seconded by Magnuson, to accept that the CBNS (Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists) certification meets the education requirements for licensure.

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Christoph, Magnuson, Newton, Prout, Weatherspoon, Mikus

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Newton, seconded by Magnuson, to accept that if an individual is a licensed MD, DO or DC and holds an ACBN (American Clinical Board of Nutrition) certification, the individual meets the education requirements for licensure.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Newton

Nays: Magnuson, Prout, Weatherspoon, Christoph, Mikus

MOTION FAILED

MOTION by Magnuson, seconded by Prout, that in addition to basic nutrition coursework, an "equivalent course of study" must, at a minimum, include 1) basic general chemistry; 2) organic chemistry; 3) biochemistry; 4) microbiology; 5) anatomy/physiology or human physiology; and 6) statistics.

Discussion followed.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Christoph, Magnuson, Newton, Prout, Weatherspoon, Mikus

MOTION PREVAILED

The changes discussed regarding draft 1 of the Administrative Rules at today's meeting will be incorporated and draft 2 will be provided to the Board for discussion at the July meeting.

Previous Correspondence

Mikus addressed previous correspondence directed to the Board. The Department will create a list of frequently asked questions (FAQ's) for the Board's review and discussion at the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Department Update

Shell provided the Board with information regarding the CNCB (Clinical Nutrition Certification Board) certification which will be discussed at the July meeting. Shell complimented Mikus and Newton on their professionalism, dedication and hours of hard work that they have put into reaching goals for completing the rules.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pam Sadler, RN, CCN, read to the Board a prepared statement and provided a copy of same. In summary, Ms. Sadler asked the Board to protect the rights of CCN's to call themselves nutritionists and practice in that capacity.

Dr. John Armstrong, MD, highlighted the importance that nutrition has for critical care patients treated at Sparrow Hospital and that it is vital that nutrition assessments be made timely. He thanked the Board for their hard work and spoke of the importance of the Board's work.

Dr. Elia Acuna expressed her disappointment that the Board did not approve the ACBN certification at today's meeting. She indicated that she works extensively with patients relating to nutrition issues and creates nutrition programs for her patients. Dr. Acuna stated that, to her knowledge, the ACBN's overall mission is for public safety. She asked the Board to reconsider their decision to deny the ACBN certification.

Sue Scharf read a statement prepared by Pamela Popper, PhD, ND, of The Wellness Forum. Ms. Popper expressed concern for the protection of business interests of nutrition professionals in Michigan. Ms. Scharf spoke of the practice of The Wellness Forum in providing science-based nutrition.

Caroline Trapp, NP, indicated that she works with diabetic patients and with the Physician's Committee for Responsible Medicine regarding nutrition. She spoke of the importance in her practice of providing nutrition instruction to diabetic patients.

Dr. Sarah Hegger, MS, DC, spoke of the minimal differences in curriculum for dietetics and nutrition students at the University of Indiana. She commented that DC's can only recommend supplements specifically relating to musculoskeletal parts of the body, where MD's and DO's are given a broader scope in recommending supplements.

Cathy Rhodes, PhD, RD, indicated her desire to have more recognition of dietitians. She spoke of the education requirements, supervised work/intern requirements and competency issues associated with being a registered dietitian. Dr. Rhodes urged the Board to reconsider their decision regarding the ACBN and CCN certifications.

Susan Pennell, RPh, CCN, referred to the question asked regarding an individual wanting an additional certification in conjunction with another degree, which she has acquired. She spoke of the need for collaboration between health professionals to assist patients.

Cathy Goldberg, RD, indicated that she wanted to keep options open to all professionals regarding nutrition management in their practices. She spoke of the importance of nutrition in individual lifestyles. Ms. Goldberg asked the Board to reconsider their decision regarding the ACBN certification.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 8, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 2, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

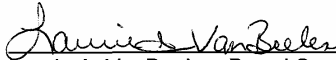
MOTION by Christoph, seconded by Magnuson, to adjourn at 12:19 p.m.

MOTION PREVAILED



Eileen Mikus, Chairperson

9/9/09
Date Minutes Approved



Laurie A. VanBeelen, Board Secretary

May 19, 2009
Date Minutes Prepared