



## Dietetics Advisory Council Minutes

December 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:04 pm on Tuesday December 11, 2018

Council members present: Ashlee Pax, RDN, LD, MFCS; Amie Heap, MPH, RDN, LD; Susan Finn, PhD, RDN, LD, FAND; Mary-Jon Ludy, PhD, RDN, FAND.

Staff members present: Nathan Smith and Donald Davis.

Guests: Pat McKnight

Dr. Mary-Jon Ludy was welcomed to the Dietetics Advisory Council meeting as its newest member.

I. Approval of Minutes from the October 9, 2018 Council meeting:

All council members present voted to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

II. Statutory Topics for Discussion

(B) Existing and proposed rules pertaining to the practice of dietetics and the administration and enforcement of this chapter:

### **Update on BCNS' Antitrust Referral to Common Sense Initiative Office**

On October 15, 2018, CSI issued a memorandum on the BCNS antitrust referral of selected Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4759 Dietetics rules. CSI concluded that the Medical Board "has not exceeded the scope of its authority by implementing the rules in question, and it is therefore not using state policy as a pretext for anticompetitive conduct."

(G) The safe and effective practice of dietetics, including scope of practice and minimal standards of care:

### **Dietetics FAQ document**

A Dietetics Frequently Asked Questions document was drafted by Board staff based on phone calls and emails that have been received by the Medical Board. These questions and answers were reviewed by Council members. Ms. Heap suggested, and the council agreed that the last sentence on question #1 should state: "However, a health care

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professional who is not a licensed dietitian may not use the title of dietitian or in any other way represent themselves as **qualified to practice dietetics.**” There were no additional suggested changes to the other FAQs. The council agreed that the FAQs should be reviewed again at the next meeting as well as any written comments submitted.

### **Planning for 2019**

The following meeting dates are proposed for 2019 pending Medical Board approval: January 8, 2019, April 9, 2019, July 9, 2019, and October 15, 2019.

In preparation for the January 8, 2019 meeting, Dietetics Advisory Council members were encouraged to submit topics that they would like the council to discuss in 2019. This will be an agenda item for the January 8, 2019 meeting.

The Dietetics Advisory Council meeting was adjourned by Nathan Smith at approximately 2:34pm on Tuesday, December 11, 2018.