



Dietetics Advisory Committee Minutes

April 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:00 pm on Tuesday April 9, 2019

Committee members present: Mary-Jon Ludy, PhD, RDN, FAND; Judy Nagy, MEd, RDN, LD, FAND; Carmen Clutter, MS, RDN, LD, CLC; Ashlee Pax, RDN, LD, MFCS; Amie Heap, MPH, RDN, LD; Susan Finn, PhD, RDN, LD, FAND

Staff members present: Nathan Smith and Donald Davis.

Guests: Pat McKnight and Kay Mavko

I. Approval of Minutes from the January 8, 2019 Council meeting:

All council members present approved 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:

1. Military rules for Medical Board licenses: The advisory council voted to recommend Board approval of the proposed rules for filing with the Common Sense Initiative.

2. Update on dietetic rules filed with CSI: CSI has finished its review of the dietetics rules and the rules will soon be filed with JCARR.

3. Discussion of upcoming proposed dietetics rules:

Medical Board staff are reviewing other dietetics rules that need to be revised. Staff is looking for input regarding the supervision of limited permit holders who have failed the CDR exam and the supervision of exempt practitioners.

Council members discussed Ohio Administrative Code rule 4759-4-08 and whether limited permits are still needed. Don Davis stated that the number of limited permit holders is declining due to the increased frequency in which the CDR exam is offered. The council agreed that the limited permit is less utilized than in the past, but is still useful in the profession.

The council discussed whether 14-day review of limited permit holders who have failed the CDR exam is sufficient. A more frequent review may be appropriate. Further, council members suggested that the rule explicitly stated that the

licensed dietitian is responsible for the supervision and documentation of that supervision.

On Ohio Administrative Code rules 4759-5-01 and 4759-5-02, council members favored adding language that also informed the licensee of their responsibility for oversight and documentation of that oversight.

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

1. Review of Dietetics FAQs and Guidelines C and D: All council members voted to recommend Medical Board approval of the Dietetics FAQs and Guidelines C and D with one minor typographical change on question #3 in which the reference to paragraph (K) is changed to (J).
2. Malnutrition Prevention Commission Report: Amie Heap provided an overview of the report including the longstanding problem of malnutrition in acute care facilities, the future demographic changes in Ohio trending to an older population, and the importance of making people aware of the resources that are available to combat malnutrition. The council discussed ways to raise awareness among health care professionals, including discussing ideas with Medical Board Director of Communication Tessie Pollock at a future meeting.

III. New Items for the Dietetics Advisory Council

1. Sunset Review Committee Testimony: Update to council that Jonithon LaCross provided testimony on the value of the Dietetics Advisory Council to the Sunset Review Committee.
2. Update on the appointment of the licensed dietitian council member: Staff conducted interviews of all applicants and this information, along with the applications, resumes, and OAND's recommendations were presented to the executive director and Board president. A recommendation by the Board President and Executive Director was made to reappoint Susan Finn to a new 3-year term. This information will be presented to the full Board at the April 10, 2019 meeting for review of all applications and selection of the licensed dietitian member for this seat.
3. Consumer member Joe Nigh resigned from the Dietetics Advisory Council due to other time commitments for an organization in which he is involved. The process for replacing him will start soon.

The Dietetic Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned by Nathan Smith at approximately 3:07pm on Tuesday April 9, 2019.