

Dietetics Advisory Council Minutes

January 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:02 pm on Tuesday January 8, 2019.

Council members present: Mary-Jon Ludy, PhD, RDN, FAND; Joseph Nigh, Esq;
Judy Nagy, MEd, RDN, LD, FAND; Carmen Clutter, MS, RDN, LD,CLC

Staff members present: Nathan Smith, Tessie Pollock and Donald Davis.

Guests: Pat McKnight and Kay Mavko

I. Approval of Minutes from the December 11, 2018 Council meeting:

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

II. Statutory Topics for Discussion

(C) Standards for the approval of educational programs required to qualify for licensure and continuing education programs for licensure renewal.

Tessie Pollock presented the Jurisprudence video and quiz on the Medical Board website. It was viewed by the Advisory Council members. No concerns were noted.

(D) Policies related to the issuance and renewal of licenses and limited permits

Licensure statistics for 01/22/18 – 12/14/18 were presented to the Advisory Council members for informational purposes.

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

Review of Dietetics FAQs:

Revised FAQs were presented for the council's review. Each question on the FAQs was reviewed and discussed. In addition, council members suggested organizing the FAQs based on who they are applicable to such as a group of questions for licensees and a group of questions for the public.

The council made the following amendments to the FAQs presented:

1. Add: Anyone may provide general non-medical nutrition information as described in 4759-2 (M)OAC. Also, last sentence to remain: "as practicing dietetics" instead of "being qualified to practice dietetics"

2. Add OAND suggested edit: Changes to insulin levels or other medications must be ordered by the physician or other licensed health professional whose scope of practice specifically includes prescriptive authority. The CDE certification itself does not authorize writing medication prescriptions.

3. Change question to: Can a Licensed Dietitian take an order from a physician either electronically or telephonically. First sentence removed in answer to question.

5. Update titles in question and add practicing dietetics

6. Eliminate this question

7. Remove registered in question and change diet to dietetic in answer of question.

15. No changes, consider putting question #22 after this question. Add wording from OAND comments on this question.

18. Change language of the question from "licensed dietitian" to "those practicing in the field of dietetics".

23. Change question from "temporary" to "limited". Add new question: Could I lose my limited permit? Answer to this question starts after the end of first sentence in question #23.

24. Change question from assistant to associate

25. Remove assistive from question. Reference Guideline D in the answer.

Board staff will make these changes to the FAQs and present them to the Policy Committee.

III. Discussion of Possible Topics for 2019

1. Collaboration between dietitians and physicians and other health professions.

2. Encourage reporting of unlicensed dietetic practice.

3. Malnutrition Prevention Commission Report discussion rescheduled for April 2019 meeting.

4. Possibly featuring a dietitian in Medical Board magazine.

The Dietetics Advisory Council meeting was adjourned by Nathan Smith at approximately 4:05pm on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.