



State Medical Board of Ohio

**DIETETICS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
November 8, 2021**

<p>Members: Mary-Jon Ludy, PhD, RDN, FAND Ashley Pax, RDN, LD, MFCS David Reiersen Stacy Shawhan, RD, CSO, LD</p> <p>Other Attendees: Kay Mavko Pat McKnight</p>	<p>Staff: Jill Reardon, Deputy Director of External Affairs Chelsea Wonski, Director of Legislative Affairs Brycen Hatfield, Administrative Assistant Bernadette Simon, Program Administrator</p>
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Ms. Reardon called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes Review: Ms. Reardon asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes of the Council's May 10, 2021 meeting.

Ms. Ludy moved to approve the draft minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting of the Dietetics Advisory Council. Ms. Pax seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Legislative Update:

House Bill 122 - Telemedicine: Ms. Wonski reported a fourth hearing will be held on Wednesday before the Senate Health Committee. This Bill would expand the types of practitioners that may provide telemedicine. Ms. Wonski added that a plan is already underway to adopt a Sub Bill.

Ms. Mavko inquired about the status of House Bill 43, the Public Bodies Bill. Ms. Wonski responded that although extensive discussions have been held, there does not appear to be an appetite in the Legislature for it.

Ms. Ludy asked if members who attend Council meetings virtually are counted as present at the meeting? Ms. Reardon responded to be counted as present at a Council meeting, members must attend in person, according to the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). Ms. Reardon added any change would have to come from an act by the Legislature. Ms. McKnight suggested that a request to hold virtual meetings, should be attached to other legislation going through.

Ms. Mavko asked if there were any plans to stream the Dietetics Advisory Council (DAC) meetings? Ms. Reardon replied that the Medical Board is in the process of obtaining new equipment, and planned to live stream the meetings after the 1st of the year.

Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (OAND) Update: Ms. Mavko stated that she provided testimony in both the House and the Senate in support of House Bill 122. Ms. Mavko noted that OAND added their signature to a letter that was presented to Chairman Huffman, asking the Committee not to consider amendments.

Senate Bill 48 – Cultural Competency: This Bill requires physicians, nurses, and pharmacists, to engage in continuing education of cultural competency, in order to be issued a license, or to renew their license. The OAND Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee would like dietitians included in the Bill.

Ms. Mavko reported OAND continues to follow the Reciprocity Bills, Senate Bill 131, and House Bill 203. Ms. Mavko noted that OAND is interested in easing reciprocity both from our state for dietitians coming in and for dietitians who seek licensure elsewhere.

Ms. Mavko noted that the RD licensees will be required to have 75 hours of continuing education on dietetic registration, and an additional hour, every five years for the Medical Board. Ms. Mavko stated OAND is concerned about dietitians, including OAND members, as well as non RD licensees who are not aware of the rule change. Ms. Mavko suggested that the Medical Board update and post the guidelines on their website.

Ms. Mavko reported that an OAND member applied for licensure in Kentucky, and had to provide verification statements from any states that they were licensed in. Ms. Mavko noted the member ran into an issue because Kentucky requires a paper statement, while the under Ohio statute, the Medical Board does not provide paper verifications statements. Ms. Mavko stated she just wanted to make the Board aware of this issue, so that Board staff would be consistent in the information that they provide to licensees. Ms. Reardon stated she would discuss this matter with our licensing director, to see if there is anything else that we can do on our end.

Rule Review Update: Ms. Reardon stated on December 3, 2021, a public hearing on the Medical Board's impairment rules will be held. Those rules would change the requirement of inpatient evaluation, costing \$3,500, to an outpatient evaluation with a cost of approximately \$800.

Ms. Mavko stated it is important for licensees to know about the gravity of the impairment rules, and asked if the Medical Board would be providing any education to its licensees.

New Council Dashboard: Ms. Reardon stated the Medical Board's new data personnel, Aaron White, has been preparing dashboards, that are specific to each advisory council. Ms. Reardon noted that the data will be real time and include information such as, the number of licensees, the number of complaints, both open and closed, and the number of Board actions.

Ms. Mavko asked how many of our licensees did not renew? Ms. Reardon stated she would find out and provide that information to Ms. Mavko.

Ms. Reardon stated she would send notification to members whenever something has been added to the dashboard, such as meeting minutes, calendar invites or other documents.

Ms. Reardon anticipated the link to the new dashboard would be available prior to the December meeting.

Appointment to Council: Ms. Ludy asked how many applications were received, to fill the vacant Council seat? Ms. Reardon replied that very few applications were submitted. Ms. Reardon added if members knew of anybody with an interest in serving, to please provide them with her contact

information. Ms. Reardon stated that interviews for the remaining position would be held the following week, and anticipated Board approval would occur at the December Board meeting.

2021 Meeting Schedule: Ms. Reardon stated that council will meet again on December 6, 2021.

Adjourn: Ms. Reardon asked for a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Ludy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Reierson seconded the motion. All Committee members voted aye. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

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