



Dietetics Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:02 pm on Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Committee members present: Judy Nagy, MEd, RDN, LD, FAND; Ashlee Pax, RDN, LD, MFCS; Carmen Clutter, MS, RDN, LD, CLC; Amie Heap, MPH, RDN, LD

Staff members present: A.J. Groeber, Donald Davis, and Nathan Smith

Guests: Kay Mavko and Pat McKnight

I. Approval of Minutes from the August 7, 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:

Chapter 4759 rules update: Business impact analysis and proposed Rules have been filed with Common Sense Initiative. Interested parties may submit comments until October 12, 2018.

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

First video cut has been completed for the jurisprudence video. Some changes still need to be made. The Council will be updated as the project progresses.

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

Therapeutic Diet Order Writing and Privileging

Additional research has been completed for the discussion of Therapeutic Diet Order Writing and Privileging. The Dietetic Advisory Council is currently building a body of knowledge on this issue.

The council discussed the Ohio Department of Medicaid rules presented, specifically Ohio Administrative Code rules 5160-46-04, 5160-8-41 and 5160-10-26. The rules do not directly address diet order writing in institutional settings.

The Mega Rule which revised requirements for Long Term Care facilities participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs was also discussed. The portions of the Mega Rule that discuss diet order writing (42 CFR 483.30 and 42 CFR 483.60) state that a physician may delegate diet order writing to a dietitian acting within their scope of practice as defined by state law and under the supervision of the physician.

The importance of nutrition support and the role of the dietitian in this process was also discussed. Materials from ASPEN and the Merck manual were reviewed and discussed including utilization of and complications from enteral and parenteral nutrition.

The importance of nutrition assessment and screening for patients was also discussed as an important step preceding any diet order writing. Experiences were shared regarding the level of involvement of the dietitian in this assessment versus a nurse or a physician. Lastly, an article written by a Cleveland Clinic physician on parenteral nutrition was discussed, including the importance of a team approach in enteral and parenteral nutrition.

The Council will await legislative language before discussing more about Therapeutic Diet Order writing.

III. Update on post-Board for Certification of Nutrition Specialists presentation:

BCNS contacted Medical Board Director of Public Policy & Government Affairs Jonithon LaCross regarding draft language to license nutritionists in Ohio. BCNS was informed that when they find a sponsor for their bill and introduce language the Board would then discuss proposed legislation.

IV. Update on Educator vacancy on Dietetics Advisory Council:

Six applications for the educator vacancy have been submitted and reviewed. Telephone interviews have been conducted. The full Medical Board will select one of the applicants to fill the educator vacancy at its November 14, 2018 meeting. This should allow the individual selected to participate in the December Dietetics Advisory Council meeting.

The Dietetic Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned by Nathan Smith at approximately 3:05pm on Tuesday October 9, 2018.