

BOARD OF DIETITIAN/NUTRITIONIST EXAMINERS

MINUTES

DATE: March 29, 2007

TIME: 10:00 a.m., C.S.T.

LOCATION: 227 French Landing
Poplar Room
Heritage Place, Metro Center
Nashville, TN 37243

MEMBERS PRESENT: Demetra "Dee" Pratt, RD, LDN
Gloria Brien, RD, LDN, Acting Board Chair, Board Secretary
Liang-chu K. Daniel, RD, LDN
Dr. Georgina M. Awipi, RD, LDN
Robbie Bell, Director of Health Related Boards, Ex Officio

STAFF PRESENT: Pamela Pitts, Board Administrator
Marva Swann, Unit Director
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney
Jerry Kosten, Rules & Regulations Manager
Michael Sobowale, Investigations

STAFF ABSENT: Lea Phelps, Investigations Coordinator

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jesse Fields, RD, LDN
Susan Hart, Citizen Member

With a quorum being present, Ms. Pratt called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Conflict of Interest

Ms. Armstrong reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy with the Board members and reminded them of their responsibilities under the policy. She requested those members who had not already done so to sign the Policy and submit to Ms. Pitts.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Brien and seconded by Ms. Daniel to approve the minutes of September 28, 2006 as submitted. The motion carried.

Administrator's Report

Ms. Pitts presented the Administrator's report. Active current licensee totals are 1163. Since the September 26, 2006 Board meeting there were a total of sixty three (63) newly licensed, eight (8) reinstatements, five (5) retired, twenty six (26) failed to renew, and two hundred forty nine (249) renewals. Ms. Pitts reported that in the month of February, 2007 the total number of renewals was forty-two (42). Ten (10) licensees renewed on-line, which constituted a usage rate of 23.81%.

We are within our benchmark of 14 days processing time with regard to renewals with the average time of 3 to 4 days.

We are meeting our benchmark of 100 day processing time for initial licensure with the average time of 18 to 23 days.

Disciplinary Status and Investigation Reports

Mr. Sobowale reported that currently there are three (3) open complaints under review by the Office of Investigations. There are no cases currently being monitored for disciplinary compliance.

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Armstrong presented the Office of General Counsel report and informed the Board that (**Rules 0470-1-.14, .19**) regarding advertising, titles, and screening panels went to rulemaking hearing on January 18, 2006; they were adopted by the Board on March 30, 2006, and was sent to the Attorney General's Office on April 13, 2006. They became effective on March 14, 2007.

Tennessee Allied Commission

Dr. Kathleen McEnerney informed the Board that the Tennessee Allied Health Commission's purpose is to address issues related to allied health shortages, recruitment, and training of all allied health professionals, and the establishments of a formal entity in Tennessee such as Commission on Allied Health for Tennessee. She presented a proposal to form a Tennessee Commission on Allied Health with the Board of Dietitian/Nutritionist Examiners. The Allied Health Workforce Council, which is composed of university and community leaders in the Allied Health professions, and the Tennessee Hospital Association's Center for Health Workforce Development purposes the formation of the Tennessee Commission on Allied Health. Senate Bill 3716 and House Bill 3795 was introduced by Senator Bill Ketron and Representative John Hood in the legislature to amend TN Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1 Part 1 to allow any board of allied health care profession with Division of Health Related Boards to enter into grants, agreements, scholarships or other arrangements with statewide nonprofit agencies or other state agencies for the purposes of evaluating and guiding the development of education, distribution, and availability of the allied health workforce to provide a basis for improving the delivery of quality health care.

Recess

The Board took a 30 minute recess at 11:30 am and reconvened at 12:00 pm.

Lapsed License Policy

A motion was made by Ms. Pratt and seconded by Ms. Brien to remove the \$300 maximum from the current lapsed license policy and to say that to practice on an expired license in excess of one renewal cycle will result in referral to Board of Investigations. The motion carried.

Tennessee Dietetic Association Training Grant Proposal

Ms. Armstrong advised the Board on contract, processing and approval requirements. Ms. Pratt decided that the Tennessee Dietetic Association will be pursuing other funding.

Applicant File Review

Lori Owen- Ms. Owen's file was presented to the board for approval for initial licensure. Ms. Owen's was arrested for DUI in Dallas, TX on October 16, 1996. Court records indicated that Ms. Owen was found not guilty and the case was dismissed. When Ms. Owen applied for licensure in Tennessee when asked she failed to disclose that she had been arrested in another state. Ms. Pitts received court documents in which she was notified that Ms. Owen had been arrested. Ms. Pitts asked for a written statement from Ms. Owen explaining her failure to disclose her arrest. She stated that since it had been ten years ago, and she was not convicted of a crime she was not aware that she had to notify us of this. Ms. Brien made a motion; and Dr. Awipi seconded the motion to approve Ms. Owen for licensure. The motion passed.

Janet Skelton- Ms. Skelton is applying for initial license. Ms. Skelton revealed in her application that she has been working as a Clinical Dietitian and as a Consultant without being licensed. Ms. Daniel made a motion; and Ms. Brien seconded the motion to approve Ms. Skelton for licensure and send the file to Investigations. The motion carried.

Gwen Shamblin- Ms. Shamblin applied for reinstatement of her license. She indicated on her application that she is practicing on an expired license. Ms. Brien made a motion; Ms. Daniel seconded the motion to approve Ms. Shamblin for reinstatement of licensure once she pays \$300 civil penalty fees. The motion carried.

Jamie Welch – Ms. Welch applied for reinstatement of her license. She indicated on her application that was practicing on an expired license. After the Board reviewed her file they determined Ms. Welch has been working under the umbrella of a hospital and will not be required to pay civil penalty fees. A motion was made by Ms. Brien and seconded by Ms. Daniel to reinstate Ms. Welch for licensure. The motion passed.

Joyce Bittle – Ms. Bittle applied for reinstatement of her license. She indicated on her application that she was practicing on an expired license. A motion was made by Ms. Brien and

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seconded by Dr. Awipi to reinstate Ms. Bittle's license once she pays \$300 dollars civil penalty fee or she will be referred to Investigations. The motion passed.

Ratifications

A motion was made by Ms. Daniel and seconded by Dr. Awipi to approve the newly licensed and reinstated dietitian/nutritionists. The motion carried.

Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist Examiners

Jessica Barth
Marissa Blake Beale
Alisha Brooke Bibb
Kathryn Breckenridge
Alison Brooks
Anne Burks
Rebekah Burns
Bridgette Butler
Aubrey Carnathan
Katrina Cooke
Abby Cunningham
Sarah Davis
Sonya Douglas
Micha Flynt
Mary Gibson
Jessica Gourley
Rene Gramlick
Amber Nicole Greer
Denise Halbert
Eileen Hisel
Wendy Humphrey
Courtney Johnson
Kimberly Lett
Elizabeth Melcher
Mykel Moody
Cynthia A. Hatcher
Ai-Leng Ng
Emily Petr
Aferdita Rago
Gaye Woods Reginald
Leslie Ryan
Leah Schantz
Susan Shacklett

Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist Examiners

Rosemary Shaw
Adriann Skeen
Jennifer Powers Smith
Marsha Spence
Chessica Stephney
Jessica Strickland
Aric Trent
Isly Ventura
Alissa Villarrubia
Carrie Wald
Lori Watson
Allison Wells
Mariann Wheeler-Butler
Georgiana Kennedy Whitley
Mary Catherine Whittier
Valerie Wilkins
Carrie Ashlee Willems
Elizabeth Zufelt
Lauren Oliver
Sara Russell
Kristi Epps
Lori Owen
Sara Jane Bedwell
Jennifer Kosinski
Micha Flynt
Janet Skelton
Kimberly Kilpatrick
Brenda K. James
Kimberly Holt

Reinstated Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist Examiners

Melanie Berg
Rebecca Caldwell
Cindy Charlton
Elizabeth Dunlap
Andrea Delta Fromme Hanson
Alicia K. Mandel
Yvonne Satterfield-Currie
Vicki Wilson
Gwen Shamblin
Jamie Welch
Joyce Bittle

Denisa Cate

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

These minutes have been ratified by the Board on September 27, 2007.