

BOARD OF DIETETICS & NUTRITION

DECEMBER 8, 2020

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-1208-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. and a quorum was maintained.</p> <p>Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Annina Burns, Chairperson- Present • KimberlyThompson, Board Member- Absent • India James, Board Member- Present • Dr. DeAnna Nara, Board Member- Present • Njeri Jarvis, Board Member- Present <p>Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ericka Walker, Executive Director-Present • Aisha Nixon, Executive Director- Present • Ashley Balma, Health Licensing Specialist- Present • Rebecca Odrick, Board Investigator-Present <p>Legal Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ajay Gohil, Board Attorney- Present <p>Visitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brittany McAllister, American Nutrition Association- Present • Michael Stroka, American Nutrition Association- Present • Pepin Tuma, Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics- Present • B. Michelle Harris, DMAND - Present
OS-1208-02	<p><u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of the December 8, 2020 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to accept the December 8, 2020 Open Session Agenda by Ms. Jarvis. The motion was second Dr. Nara.</p> <p>Dr. Burns, Dr. Nara, and Ms. Jarvis all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS	
OS-1208-03	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Mrs. Ericka Walker welcomed all visitors and Board members to the December 8, 2020 Open Session meeting. She informed all board staff that DC Health is open and operational with staff working remotely from home to assist the public. The Public Health Emergency Order in place by the Mayor expires on December 31, 2020. For any further information related to COVID-19 please visit the link provided: https://coronavirus.dc.gov/</p>
OS-1208-04	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Mr. Ajay Gohil welcomed all visitors and Board members. Mr. Gohil informed the Board that he may be the permanent Board attorney and will provide us with an update on the permanent Board attorney in the New Year 2021. DC Health Department is presently working on updating the Health Occupation Revisions Act (HORA) and will be working with the Board to update the scope of practice.</p> <p>Mr. Gohil informed the Board that the establishment of a subcommittee should be considered to review the HORA.</p>
OS-1208-05	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRS'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. Burns welcomed all visitors and Board members and staff to the Open Session meeting and thanked the Board Staff for their dedication and commitment to the District of Columbia residents and visitors. Dr. Burns informed the Board that she will be working with Board staff to help move the regulations update and HORA revisions along despite the pandemic.</p>
OS-1208-06	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the September 8, 2020 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: A motion to accept the Open Session meeting minutes from the September 8, 2020 meeting was made by Dr. Burns. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nara.</p> <p>Dr. Burns, Dr. Nara, Ms. Jarvis, and India James all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

DISCUSSION ITEMS	
OS-1208-07	<p><u>Board Delegation of Authority</u></p> <p>Board Action: The Board is to review the outlined delegated authorities and determine whether to accept or not.</p> <p>Background: As the Board of Dietetics and Nutrition (“the Board”) is limited in how often it can meet, the Board has delegated various authorities to Board staff to help accomplish the goal of public safety. These delegated authorities are limited in nature and are intended to facilitate the business of the Board in an efficient and expedient manner, while at the same time ensuring patient safety is always maintained.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to accept the delegation of authority by Dr. Nara. The motion was second by Ms. Jarvis.</p> <p>Dr. Burns, Dr. Nara, Ms. Jarvis all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-1208-08	<p><u>FY 2021 Board Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>Board Action: No action required. FYI ONLY</p> <p>Background: The upcoming Board of Dietetics & Nutrition Meeting dates are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>March 9, 2021</i> • <i>June 8, 2021</i> • <i>September 14, 2021</i> • <i>December 14, 2021</i> <p>Motion: <i>No Motion was made, FYI Only</i></p>
OS-1208-09	<p><u>Health Occupation and Revision Act (HORA) Updates</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review and discuss the current scope of practice definitions for Dietetics and Nutrition.</p> <p>Background: The Health Occupation and Revision Act is currently being updated. All health professional boards have been asked to look at their scope of practice definitions and</p>

	<p>provide any recommendations and/or feedback regarding changes they would like made. Currently, the scope of practice definition is the same for both professions. In the past, the Board had discussed potentially combining the licenses and having one license type. The regulation's for nutritionist has been recently revised and going through the proposed rulemaking process.</p> <p>Motion: <i>No Motion, FYI Only</i></p>
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CLOSING	
OS-1208-10	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>Background: Upon conclusion of the open session meeting and pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</p> <p>Motion: A motion to close the December 16, 2020 Open Session Agenda was made by Ms. Jarvis. The motion was second by Dr. Nara.</p> <p>Dr. Burns, Dr. Nara, Ms. Jarvis all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

This ends the Open Session Agenda; next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2021

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