

BOARD OF DIETETICS & NUTRITION

March 09, 2021

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0309-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. and a quorum was maintained.</p> <p>Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Annina Burns, Chairperson- Present • Kimberly Thompson, Board Member- Present • 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 • Ashley Balma, Health Licensing Specialist- Present • Rebecca Odrick, Board Investigator-Present • Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer- Present <p>Legal Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christopher Boone, Board Attorney- Present • Ajay Gohil, Board Attorney- Present <p>Visitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traci Hobson, American Nutrition Association- Present • Pepin Tuma, Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics- Present • Mark Rifkin- Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics- Present • David Grosso, DC Council-Present • Kathleen Pellechia- DC Metro Academy, President Elect- Present
OS-0309-02	<p><u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of the March 09, 2021 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to accept the March 9, 2021 Open Session Agenda by Dr. Annina Burns. The motion was second Njeri Jarvis.</p>

Dr. Burns, Dr. Nara, Dr. Thompson and Ms. Jarvis all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-0309-03	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Mrs. Ericka Walker, Executive Director for the Board welcomed all Board Members and Guest to the March 9, 2021 Open Session Meeting. She went on to thank everyone for joining the virtual meeting. Mrs. Walker informed everyone that the Mayors Public Health Emergency Order is still currently in place and is set to expire on May 20, 2021. Anyone looking for updates may visit the https://coronavirus.dc.gov/ website.</p> <p><u>Licensure Census:</u></p> <p>Dietitians- 555 Active Licenses Nutritionist- 67 Active Licenses</p>	
OS-0309-04	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Mr. Ajay Gohil Attorney introduced the Boards new and permanent attorney Mr. Christopher Boone to the Board Members and guests. Mr. Boone has been with the Department of Health since 2011 and is a tremendous asset to the Department of Health and will continue to be a great asset to the Board of Dietetics & Nutrition. All Board Members and guests welcomed Mr. Boone to the Board.</p>	
OS-0309-05	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRS'S REPORT:</u></p> <p><i>No Report</i></p>	
OS-0309-06	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the December 08, 2020 Board Meeting.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to accept the December 08, 2020 Open Session Meeting minutes by Dr. Annina Burns. The motion was second Njeri Jarvis.</p> <p>Dr. Burns, Dr. Nara, Dr. Thompson and Ms. Jarvis all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

<p>OS-0309-07</p>	<p><u>Centers for Medicare Medicaid Services (CMS) IV Renal Dialysis Medication, Etecalcetide</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the current guidelines in place by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services regarding IV Renal Dialysis Medication, Etecalcetide.</p> <p>Background: CMS is requiring this medication be included in the reimbursement bundled payment to providers. It was officially bundled January 2021 after allowing providers to have a 2 year trial/grace period where it was not included and therefore reimbursed separate from other bundled renal therapies. During this 2 year period its use clinically has been outstanding. This in turn has changed the way in which providers advise patients. New provider guidelines are advising and requiring that clinicians reduce or remove patients from this medication and instead start preparing these patients for work up for a parathyroidectomy surgery; essentially shifting the cost outside of the renal provider and placing a possibly undue burden of surgery on the patient.</p> <p>Motion: <i>No Motion Made</i></p>
<p>OS-0309-08</p>	<p><u>Scope of Practice Subcommittee Updates</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review and discuss the subcommittee feedback regarding the scope of practice</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 provide any recommendations and/or feedback regarding changes they would like made. Currently, the scope of practice definition is the same for both professions. The Subcommittee conducted a review of the scope of practice and provided feedback regarding updates and corrections to the regulations.</p> <p>Motion: <i>No Motion Made</i></p>
<p>OS-0309-09</p>	<p><u>Board Criminal Background Check Criteria & Delegation of Authority</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the CBC Chart & Finalized Delegation of Authority</p> <p>Background: The Delegation of Authority was voted on at the last Board Meeting and has been</p>

	<p>finalized. The CBC Criteria & Chart is a breakdown of Background results severity and the course of action in which the Board will take to process applications based on certain CBC criterial.</p> <p>Motion: A motion was made to accept the CBC Check & Delegation of authority by Dr. Annina Burns. The motion was second Njeri Jarvis.</p> <p>Dr. Burns, Dr. Nara, Dr. Thompson and Ms. Jarvis all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
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OS-0309-10	<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 Open Session Meeting was made at 9:48am by Njeri Jarvis. The motion was seconded by Dr. DeAnna Nara.</p> <p>Dr. Burns, Dr. Nara, Dr. Thompson and 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 June 8, 2021

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