

**BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2021
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Present

Chimene Castor, LDN- Board Chair
Rebecca Snow, LDN-Board Vice-Chair
Okechuku Enyia-Board Member
Lauren Mirkin, LDN- Board Member
Linnet Nyce, LDN – Board Member
Linda Paren, LDN – Board Member
Malcolm Rubinstein, Ph.D – Board Member

Staff

Marie Savage – Administrator
Lenelle Cooper – Adm. Officer
Stacey Darin, AAG
Lillian Reese, Board Leg& Reg

Absent

Laura C. Davis, LDN-Board Secretary/Treasurer
Erin Braunscheidel Duru, LDN-Board Member

Visitors

Kimberly Link, MDH Liaison
Dan Shattuk, MAND Lobbyist
Barbara Hoffstein, MAND
Susan O'Malley, MAND
Stacey Lohmann

Call To Order

Dr. Chimene Castor, LDN, Board Chair, called the teleconference meeting to Order at 10:03 a.m. on January 21, 2021.

New Business

ITEM 1

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the November 19, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

ITEM 2

Committee Reports

Budget –

Ms. Savage provided an update on the 2020 renewals. The Governor's Executive Order issued June 19, 2020 regarding the extension of licenses is still in effect. The expiration date is extended "to the 30th day after the date by which the state of emergency is terminated". The Board has no prediction as to when the state of emergency will be

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lifted. There were 1,068 licensees eligible for renewal. 861 licensees renewed in 2020 and 3 licensees renewed to date in 2021. The Board has already issued 207 new licenses in Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021). The Board has a record high for new licensees and renewals.

Credentialing –

No Report.

Regulations/Legislation –

The Board reviewed MAND's Letter to Board requesting telehealth and dietary order regulations. The Board indicated that they will not pursue telehealth regulations at this time since telehealth legislation has been introduced during this legislative session. The Board will monitor the telehealth legislation and will consider telehealth regulations after session. As far as dietary order regulations, the Board is not authorized to promulgate regulations on dietary orders since the practice of order writing and verbal orders is not specifically included in the definition of "practice dietetics." Dietary orders are not prohibited by the law and the Board recognizes that it is commonly used in the practice of dietetics. At this time, the Board suggests that facilities develop a written policy that identifies the appropriate training, staff and documenting procedures for these activities.

The Board reviewed the following legislation:

1. SB 262 (HB 224) Department of Information Technology - Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards. No Position – The Board will monitor this bill.
2. SB 72 Open Meetings Act – Requirements for State Agencies and Local Board of Elections. Letter of Concern – The Board had concerns regarding potential misuse of material, technological capability and the fiscal impact.
3. SB 5 (HB28)) Public Health - Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities - Letter of Support
4. HB 123 (SB 3) Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021. No Position – The Board will monitor this bill.

Standards of Practice –

No Report.

Media and Public Awareness –

No Report.

Dietetic Rehabilitation Committee -

No Report.

ITEM 3

The Board discussed COVID-19 Vaccination and the dissemination of information. The Board will continue to provide a link to the Maryland Department of Health's COVID-19 website.

ITEM 4

The Board reviewed Committee functions and Committee assignments. Mr. Enyia was added to Regulations/Legislation Committee.

ITEM 5

Approved for Licensure

Margarete Carneiro, RD	954460	Patrick Keenan, RD	86096062
David Cover, RD	86168890	Kelly Polleck, RD	1091233
Brittany Moore, RD	86144296	Grace Sturgis, RD	86021035
Elizabeth Gagliano, RD	86174828	Tracey Sinibaldi, RD	726948
Courtney Carter, RD	1018981	Hadeal Yusuf, RD	86112802
Kimberlyl Eccles, RD	860068	Dawn Encian, CNS	17012
Emily Wagener, RD	86173682	Karen Higginbotham, RD	961172
Stephen Alajajian, RD	1033846	Sara Preisendanz, RD	1063238
Shannon Borgoyne, RD	86098447	Miriam Eackloff, RD	86101057
Laurie Hall, RD	86085173	Michelle Blake, CNS	17236
Keri Harper, RD	954693	Rachel Vanderpool, RD	86035378
Valerie Agyeman, RD	86050816	Kelly Brogan, RD	86156040
Justin Goodman, RD	86147596	Chinwe Obudulu, RD	86150000
Mary Smith, RD	86093641	Katherine Graves, RD	1049830
Christine Tapocsi, RD	86028335	Laurie Bruhin, RD	706952
Taylor Craven, RD	86010196	Susan Sullivan, CNS	18019
Bailey Connor, RD	86114686	Jenna Cope, RD	1000568
James Matherly, RD	86097207	Tanya Brown-Sacch, RD	1050933
Eileen Kugler, RD	86069268	Amy Smith, CNS	18228
Tammi Brochman, RD	818844	Katherine Olderman, CNS	18205

The next Board meeting is scheduled on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., 4201 Patterson Avenue.

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Adjournment

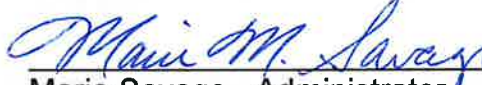
The open meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.



Chimene Castor, LDN – Board Chair



Laura C. Davis, LDN - Board Secretary



Marie Savage - Administrator