

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION
PANEL for DIETETICS**

SYNERGY BUSINESS PARK, KINGSTREE BUILDING, ROOM 107
110 CENTERVIEW DRIVE, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29210

Minutes of the Initial Panel Meeting
August 21, 2007

Panel Members present:

Phyllis A. Allen, G. Robert Bowers, Megan A. Faulkner, Mary Etta Moorachian,
Nancy R. Taylor and Rona B. Wharton

Also present:

Ruby Brice, Assistant Deputy Director, Office of Health and Medically Related Professions
Sheridon Spoon, Office of General Counsel
Deborah Ellington White, Program Assistant
Hannah Jones, South Carolina Department of Mental Health, Nutritional Services Intern

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Panel for Dietetics in the lobby Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

PANEL MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chair.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Agenda was amended to include report of current number of applications and licensees. Agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Correction made in the spelling of Mary Etta Moorachian's last name. The Panel voted to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2007 with corrections.

APPLICANTS & LICENSEES

Ms. White reported to the Panel a total of 45 applications received as to date. Twenty-six applicants are ready for licensure.

APPLICATION DEADLINE POLICY

Mr. Spoon recommended, in light of the many questions received in the Panel office regarding application deadlines, the Panel should adopt a policy that would allow registered dietitians, practicing in the state and required to become licensed under §40-20-30 an opportunity for conversion. Mr. Spoon suggested two (2) years from the initial date (July 1, 2006) of licensure, would serve as guidance to the Panel office in answering questions to the application deadline.

The Panel voted unanimously that June 30, 2008 be the deadline for applications of individuals required to be licensed under §40-20-30. Licensees would still be required to renew at the renewal deadline of June 30, 2009.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Ms. White presented a list of frequently asked questions the Panel's office has been receiving pertaining to licensure and application requirements. These questions and answers will be posted on the Panel website.

NOTICE OF DRAFTING:

Mr. Spoon presented a copy of the Notice of Drafting for Chapter 20 regarding the regulations of persons engaging in the practice of dietetics and nutrition in the state of South Carolina to be submitted to the OGA.

REGULATIONS

Panel discussed and listed items to be part of the Regulations outline. Regulations outline will be reviewed at the Panel meeting on September 7, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

The Panel adjourned at 2:00 PM. The next scheduled Panel Meeting will be September 7, 2007 at 10:00 AM., Room 107, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Ellington White
Program Assistant