

**Minutes of the South Carolina Panel for Dietetics
Panel Meeting
June 20, 2008
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

Panel Members present:

Phyllis A. Allen, G. Robert Bowers, Mary Etta Moorachian, Nancy R. Taylor, Rona B. Wharton, Karen G. Schwartz

Also present:

Sheridon Spoon, Office of General Counsel
Deborah Ellington White, Program Assistant
Renee Beckman, NuCommunity

Absent: Ruby Brice, Assistant Deputy Director, Office of Health and Medically Related Professions

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Panel for Dietetics in the Kingstree Building lobby 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 Panel Chair, Phyllis Allen.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Chair recognizes Interns visiting with Nancy Taylor of NuCommunity. The Chair also welcomes new Panel member Karen G. Schwartz, MS, RD. Ms Schwartz was appointed to fill the Panel's position for the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA).

REVIEW OF AGENDA

The Panel voted to approve the Agenda for June 20, 2008.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Panel voted unanimously to approve the January 8, 2008 Panel meeting minutes as written.

UPDATE of PROPOSED REGULATIONS of CHAPTER 20 CODE of LAWS

Sheridon Spoon reported that Regulations would be placed on the Panel Web site as effective July 1, 2008.

UPDATE of LICENSEES / APPLICATIONS

Ms. White reported that nearly 400 licenses have been issued since May 1, 2007.

PROCEDURES for NON-LICENSED RDs AFTER JULY 2008

Sheridon Spoon advised Panel they could request non-licensed professions to cease and desist using the credential RD or LD. The Panel proposed to send out Cease and Desist letters to all practicing unlicensed RDs on July 1, 2008.

RD CREDENTIALS FOR NON-LICENSEES

The Panel voted unanimously to notify all non-licensed RDs of the Regulations regarding using the title of "LD" as an unlicensed professional in this State as it pertains to Section 40-20-30 of the SC Code of Laws. It is unlawful for a person not licensed under this chapter, or whose license has been suspended or revoked by the panel, to hold himself or herself out as a dietitian, licensed dietitian, alone or in combination, or use with the letters 'LD' or any facsimile or combination in any words, letters, abbreviations, or insignia.

DELEGATION of AUTHORITY

Panel voted unanimously to table this discussion topic until a later date.

DISASTER / EMERGENCY RESPONSE POLICY

The Panel agreed to adopt LLR's Emergency Response Policy for Professionals.

ADJOURNMENT

The Panel adjourned at 1:00 PM. The next scheduled Panel Meeting will be in January 2009 at 10:00 AM., Room 107, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Ellington White
Program Assistant