

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)
South Carolina Panel for Dietetics
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2011
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rona B. Ewart, MEd, RD, Panel Chair
Phyllis A. Allen, MPH, RD
G. Robert Bowers, RD, MBA
Karen G. Schwartz, MS, RD

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Nancy R. Taylor, MS, RD, Vice Chair

VACANT POSITIONS:

Professional Member (One)
Public Member (One)

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Sheridon Spoon, Office of General Counsel
Tracey McCarley, Office of Board Services
Angie M. Combs, Administrator
Janice D. Meetze, Administrative Assistant

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Panel for Dietetics office and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 South Carolina Code, as amended, relating to the Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

PANEL MEMBER CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE: The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Panel Chair, Rona Ewart.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda for the February 11, 2011 Regular Panel Meeting was presented for review and approval. A **motion** was made to accept the order of the Agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

APPROVAL OF PANEL MEETING MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Ms. Allen to accept the June 11, 2010 minutes as written. A motion was seconded by Mr. Bowers and passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Ms. Tracey McCarley, Office of Board Services, reported that she has been tasked with re-formatting financial reports in an understandable and readable expenditures and revenue format; this report will be available at the next Panel meeting.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

Administrative Report: Ms. Combs reported there are 878 South Carolina licensed dietitians; 753 reside in South Carolina.

LLR Director and Deputy Director: Former Charleston, S.C. labor attorney, Ms. Catherine B. Templeton, was appointed by Governor Nikki R. Haley and confirmed by the S.C. Senate on January 11, 2011 as the Director of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation; Mr. Rion Alvey has been named Deputy Director.

2011 License Renewal: The Office of Licensure and Compliance will mail renewal notices to currently licensed dietitians with a renewal due date of 5/31/2011. Online license renewal is available.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Report: There are no complaints currently under investigation at this time.

Office of General Counsel Report: There are no Dietetic Panel cases residing in OGC.

Panel Member Appointments: Panel members serve for terms of two years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Mr. Spoon advised that questions arising from outstanding appointments are directed to the Governor's Office. Discussion followed regarding that it was not desirable to break continuity of Panel service due to all members' term ending dates are the same. Mr. Bowers announced he will be tendering his resignation at the end of his Panel term due to accepting a position on the South Carolina Dietetics Association. Section 40-20-40 states that no member may serve more than two full two-year terms consecutively and one member shall represent the public at large; one member must be employed by a hospital and recommended by the S.C. Hospital Association; and five members must be dietitians licensed to practice in South Carolina and recommended by the S.C. Dietetic Association. Ms. Combs was asked to contact the Governor's Office regarding the status of Panel appointments / vacancies.

Economic Interest Report: All public members of State Boards or Commissions are required to electronically file a Statement of Economic Interests report by the April 15, 2011 deadline.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Unlicensed Registered Dietitians / Unlicensed Practice: At the June 11, 2010 meeting a motion was made to cross-reference dietitians who are registered with the Commission on Dietetic Registration for comparison to dietitians who are licensed in South Carolina. Ms. Combs reported that a letter providing information concerning the licensure requirement was sent to all unlicensed registered dietitians of South Carolina.

NEW BUSINESS

North Carolina Board of Dietetics / Nutrition Inquiry – Regulation Weight Control Programs: In a letter to the S.C. Panel, the Executive Director of the North Carolina Board of Dietetics / Nutrition requested assistance in understanding how other states are regulating weight control practices. Ms. Combs provided North Carolina with South Carolina Regulation 40-14. that explains the weight program exemption.

Licensed Dietitian and Patient Medication – Inquiry: An inquiry was received as to whether a licensed Registered Dietitian is qualified to make changes to a patient’s medication, recommend changes to a patient’s medication, and/or start or stop a patient’s medication. Section 40-20-20. Definitions (3) (f) and (g) addresses transcribing a verbal order into patient records for co-signature by the ordering physician and implementing a physician’s written and verbal orders which pertain to the practice of dietetics, if the practice of dietetics is specifically authorized by the medical doctor and the health care facility where the care is taking place. Ms. Ewart will follow-up with the Registered Pharmacist concerning his questions.

Future Meeting Dates: A future meeting date of September 9, 16, or 23, 2011 will be set upon establishment of conference room availability.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next general Panel meeting date will be determined.

There being no further business, Ms. Ewart adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Meeting recorded and minutes transcribed by Janice D. Meetze, Administrative Assistant.
Minutes reviewed and edited by Angie M. Combs, Administrator.
Minutes presented to the Board for final approval.