

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)
South Carolina Panel for Dietetics
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2012
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rona B. Ewart, MEd, RD, Chair
Nancy R. Taylor, MS, RD, Vice Chair
Phyllis A. Allen, MPH, RD
Karen G. Schwartz, MS, RD (via telephone)

VACANT POSITIONS:

Professional Member (Two)
Public Member (One)

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Georgia Lewis, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
Angie M. Combs, Administrator
Althea B. Myers, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Gregg Hinson, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Karen Geyer, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Jennifer Cooper, Office of Advice Counsel

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tina F. Behles, Certified Verbatim Reporter
Courtney Armstrong, S.C. Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics, Licensure Liaison

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.

CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE: The meeting was called to order at 10:19 a.m. by Panel Chair Rona Ewart.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A **motion** was made by Ms. Allen to accept the order of the October 19, 2012 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Taylor and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Ms. Taylor to accept the November 28, 2011 conference call minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Ms. Schwartz to accept the February 10, 2012 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Taylor and carried unanimously.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Ms. Myers presented the statistical report for past activities concerning the Panel within the Office of Investigations and Enforcement.

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT: Ms. Myers presented the IRC Panel Report with recommendations to dismiss Cases #2012-1, #2012-3, #2012-4, and dismiss with a Letter of Caution Cases #2011-1 and #2011-2. The recommendations of the IRC were accepted by the Panel.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

Information was provided by Ms. Combs concerning the following topics:

- Licensee Total Report – there are 929 currently licensed dietitians.
- 2013 License Renewal – renewals are due by May 31, 2013; online renewal will be available.
- Office of General Counsel Report – no cases to report.
- Financial Report – presented as information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session for Legal Advice – 10:21 a.m. to 10:37 a.m. No votes were taken or decisions made in executive session.

1. Regulations Clean-up & Updates

A **motion** was made by Ms. Taylor to re-promulgate Document No. 4237. The motion was seconded by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Allen to modify Document No. 4237 under 40-1 (M) to change the term TEND to the word MAY. The motion was seconded by Ms. Taylor and carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Schwartz to submit a new Regulation document to change any reference to the American Dietetic Association to accommodate its name change, add language that the South Carolina Panel for Dietetics may report disciplinary actions to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics / Commission on Dietetic Registration, and if Document No. 4237 cannot be modified to accept the change from the use of TEND to MAY in 40-1(M) then the change would be added to the new (2nd) Regulation change document. The motion was seconded by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously.

2. **Temporary License for Military Spouse** – A Bill has passed to allow licensing agencies to issue a temporary professional license for one year to the spouse of any active duty member of the United States Armed Forces if the member is assigned to a duty station in South Carolina. A **motion** was made by Ms. Taylor that the Panel would offer one-year licensure to the spouse of an active U.S. Armed Forces member who is on active duty in South Carolina; the application fee would be \$100. This information would be obtained consistent with other licensing boards. The motion was seconded by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously.

3. **Signature on Letter of Caution** – A **motion** was made by Ms. Allen to have the Panel administrator sign the Letter of Caution after it had been reviewed by the Panel Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Taylor and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Meeting Date – Ms. Combs to email possible April meeting dates.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Ms. Schwartz to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Allen and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Ms. Ewart adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

These minutes are a record of the official actions taken by the Panel and a summary of the meeting provided by Angie M. Combs, Administrator. Minutes are presented to the Panel for final approval.