

North Dakota Board of Dietetic Practice Meeting Minutes
Teleconference
1.16.17
7:00 PM (CT)

Mission: To protect the public and ensure compliance with the ND Century Code Chapter 43-44.

Board Members Present: Brooke Fredrickson, Beth Viland, Wendy Mankie, Vanessa Hoines, and Linda Schloer. Also present was Pat Anderson, NDBODP Executive Secretary.

I. Call to Order

Chair, Brooke Fredrickson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Procedure for Guests

No guests were present.

III. Approval of Minutes – September 29, 2016 and November 15, 2016

Vanessa Hoines moved to approve the minutes as distributed; Wendy Mankie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV. New Business

a. HB No. 1256

House Bill no. 1256 is a bill for an Act to create and enact five new sections to chapter 43-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to regulation of dental therapists. The board was informed of the rationale behind the bill to provide mid-level dental practitioners (dental therapists) to help address the shortage of dentists and dental services in rural areas. The board discussed the dental therapist's scope of practice pertaining to nutrition and the bill's wording, "oral health instruction and disease prevention education, including motivational interviewing, nutritional counseling and dietary analysis." Pat Anderson had emailed Edward Erickson about a potential concern with the bill's wording and he proposed that the board consider proposing an amendment to the bill to have the wording changed to general nutrition services. Concern was expressed by the board members that this wording was still too broad.

Action:

- Brooke Fredrickson will contact a couple of dentists on the ND Dental Association Board and inquire about their position on the bill and opinion regarding the provision of nutrition counseling by dental therapists; 2) contact the Minnesota Board of Dietetics Licensure to discuss their perspective on the nutrition scope of practice in Minnesota for dental therapists and 3) look at the dietetics model practice act to determine if there would be more appropriate terminology to use if we would propose an amendment to the bill.
- Pat Anderson will contact Edward Erickson to discuss the scope of practice concern that we have and the impact this will have if the bill is passed since the dietetic practice law does

not prevent or restrict the practice, services or activities of persons licensed to practice dentistry consistent with accepted standards of their practice.

- Linda Schloer will attempt to attend at least part of the hearing of HB 1256 on Wednesday morning.

The next meeting will be scheduled in the near future once information has been gathered and further course of action determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Anderson".

Pat Anderson, NDBODP Executive Secretary