

North Dakota Board of Dietetic Practice Board Meeting
7.16.2020
1 – 3 p.m. (CDT)
Zoom Meeting

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

I. Call to Order – Shaundra Ziemann-Bolinske

Chair, Shaundra Ziemann-Bolinske called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

II. Roll Call

Present – Board Members: Linda Schloer, Brooke Fredrickson, Nancy Overson (joined 1:04pm), Wendy Mankie, Shaundra Ziemann-Bolinske. Also present was Pat Anderson, NDBODP Executive Secretary, and Allyson Hicks, Assistant Attorney General

III. Procedure for Guests

Shaundra welcomed guests and explained that guests could not actively participate in the discussion.

IV. Additional Agenda Items and Approval of Agenda

There were no additional agenda items. Linda Schloer moved to approve the agenda; Brooke Fredrickson seconded the motion. Yeas: Brooke Fredrickson, Nancy Overson, Shaundra Ziemann-Bolinske, Wendy Mankie, and Linda Schloer. Nays: None. Passed.

V. Approval of May [6.11.2020](#) Minutes

Wendy Mankie moved to approve the minutes as written; Brooke Fredrickson seconded the motion. Yeas: Brooke Fredrickson, Nancy Overson, Shaundra Ziemann-Bolinske, Wendy Mankie, and Linda Schloer. Nays: None. Passed.

VI. Correspondence Items (Pat Anderson)

a. K. Quale

Pat Anderson reported that Katalin Quale is now licensed.

VII. Strategic Planning

a. [Survey Results](#)

Pat Anderson presented the summary of survey response rates and the responses from LNs and LRDS.

1. Discussion of Licensure for LNs, Titles

- The nutritionist title is important for these individuals to distinguish themselves as a trained credible nutrition professional.
- There is strong support for ending the licensure of LNs if current LNs could continue to be licensed and called a LN. This would present a problem to grandfather current LNs and use the LN title for a new category of licensees (certified nutrition specialists and Diplomates of the American Board of Clinical Nutrition) as current LNs are not qualified to provide medical nutrition therapy.

- Could we change current LNs to licensed general nutritionists?

Action: A special meeting and invite to LNs for discussion of these issues will be held on August 18 at 7pm (CDT) via Zoom. Nancy and Pat will work on a power point presentation for the meeting.

2. Discussion of LRD comments and issues

- Licensees prefer the title “LRD” to “LDN” by 2 to 1
- A prevalent theme came out in the comments concerning unqualified individuals providing inaccurate nutrition information and the ease in getting online credentials as a nutritionist.
- There is the need to protect the title nutritionist, add MNT definition to the law, address telehealth, align the code of ethics with the Academy and prevent unqualified individuals from presenting themselves as “nutrition experts”.

Action: Pat Anderson was asked by the Board to follow up with licensees that indicated they could be contacted for examples of nutrition services provided by unqualified individuals.

b. Brooke Fredrickson discussed that Florida’s licensure law was recently challenged and the law was changed to permit unlicensed individuals to provide individual dietary recommendations and guidance about diet, nutrition, and food to individuals for remuneration as long as they don’t do so for any client under supervision of a medical doctor and do not call themselves a dietitian.

c. [Items for Discussion](#) (Pat Anderson and Brooke Fredrickson)

The board continued their review of Chapter 43-44 and Brooke Fredrickson and Pat Anderson presented further suggestions which were highlighted in yellow.

Questions asked during the discussion:

Page 2; should the definition of evidence-based include “research” in it?

Page 3; who can use the title nutritionist? This will need to be further clarified after we have a discussion with the LNs.

Page 3; does the nutrition care process apply to both dietitians and nutritionists, or is this strictly a process that dietitians use? Pat Anderson will research further.

Page 6; it was recommended by Allyson to leave out the quorum statement under Board powers, duties, and authority. She also recommended striking no. 3 under that same section as this is not applicable to non-licensees. Allyson recommended no. 4 to state, provide interpretive guidance on chapter 43-44.

Page 7; under license required – title – abbreviations it was recommended to take out nutrition in no. 1.

The rest of the document was tabled to discuss further until after the board has had the LN Zoom meeting. The Board was asked to further review draft no. two of Chapter 43-44 for the next meeting.

VIII. **Authorization of Payment**

Pat Anderson presented an itemized invoice for payment of \$227.50 for additional duties encompassing the preparation and conducting of the survey with LNs and LRDs and further research on licensure. Brooke Fredrickson moved to authorize payment of the invoice for \$227.50; Wendy Mankie seconded the motion. Yeas: Brooke Fredrickson, Nancy Overson,

Shaundra Ziemann-Bolinske, Wendy Mankie, and Linda Schloer. Nays: None. Passed.

IX. Next Meeting Date

Zoom meeting on Thursday, August 13 from 2 – 4 p.m. for the next Board meeting.

X. Adjournment

Wendy Mankie moved to adjourn the meeting; Brooke Fredrickson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.