

**Division of Public and Behavioral Health**  
**DIETITIAN ADVISORY GROUP**  
**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**  
**Date: Thursday, February 8, 2018**  
**Time: 3:30 p.m.**  
**MEETING LOCATIONS**

**Teleconference to:**

Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
727 Fairview Drive, Small Conference Room  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
4220 South Maryland Parkway, Building D, Suite 810  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119

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**Attendees:**

Michele Cowee, RDN, LD, CDE, Chair (Carson City)

Deborah Klein, RD, LD (teleconference)

Laura Kruskall, PhD, RDN, CSSD, LD, FACSM, FAND, Director, Dietetic Internship & Nutritional Center, Coordinator, MS Nutrition Sciences, Kinesiology and Nutrition Services, UNLV (teleconference)

Anne R. Lindsay, Ph.D. (teleconference)

Pam Wagner, RD, LD, CNSC (teleconference)

**Carson City:**

Leticia Metherell, HCQC

Nathan Orme, HCQC

Nenita Wasserman, HCQC

Sherri Eggleston, DHFCP

**Las Vegas:**

Jennifer Dunaway, HCQC

**Approval of meeting minutes from April 18, 2017 *Michelle Cowee, Chair***

LAURA KRUSKALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES.  
A SECOND TO THE MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORAH KLEIN.  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Bureau Topics - *Jennifer Dunaway, HCQC***

Jennifer Dunaway commented that for the dietitians who are working in skilled nursing homes, she wanted them to be aware that the new CMS federal long-term care regulations have gone into effect November 28, 2018. The new survey process which is all online went into effect at that time. On

November 10, 2018 the disaster preparedness regulations went into effect and there will be some assistance needed by licensed dietitians to put that plan in place. Frequently asked Questions, Blog, Social media – Nathan Orme, Education and Public Information Officer, HCQC is putting out routinely. He encouraged everyone to sign up for the dietitian listserv. There is a NV HCQC Facebook page. If you have any information you would like out there, please let me know.

Jennifer Dunaway said recently HCQC put out a technical bulletin was recently added regarding policy and procedures on treating transgender patients. The State Annual Dietitian meeting is April 13 and 14, 2018 which provides 11 CEUs for professional dietitians.

Michelle Cowee noted that this is national nutrition month is March.

**Updates from Medicaid on items related to dietitians and regulation changes.** *Sherri Eggleston, Medicaid (sheri.eggleston@dncfp.nv.gov)*

Sherri Eggleston, Nevada Medicaid, commented registered dietitians can bill Nevada Medicaid now and this went into effect on January 1, 2018. She said they are encouraging people to enroll for services. The policy went into effect January 1, 2018 and this is a brand new provider type. If you go to their web page, it tells you the documentation required. [www.medicaid.nv.gov](http://www.medicaid.nv.gov) There is a bar with different tabs that says providers which will take you to the checklist. [www.Dncfp.nv.gov](http://www.Dncfp.nv.gov) and go to resources, click on the manual link and all NRS chapters will show up. She noted she would send an email with all the links to the members.

#### **Update on any new information related to dietitians.**

The Chair said she did not have any new business.

#### **Discussion of changes statutes or regulations related to dietitians.**

Leticia Metherell commented that the Legislative Council Bureau draft proposed dietitian regulations were sent out to everyone. As it relates to dietitians, she commented it is related to SB 69 and offering the ability to get a license by endorsement and establishes criteria for that. There was a reduction in license fees were reduced. Renewal went from \$200 to \$100. The NRS statute says fees must be charged. The reinstatement of a license went from \$200 to \$100. Change of name of license went is \$20.

Jennifer Dunaway asked if dietitians can write orders. Leticia Metherell responded at this time no and explained that would have to be a statutory change.

Michelle Cowee said the language is easy to change but they need the support from dietitians and nurses, physicians for the change.

Deborah Klein suggested that the language mirror what is in the federal regulations.

Mandy Schumaker, Nevada Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, said this is something they have been working on. They are planning to meet with the Legislative Interim Health Committee in support of the order writing privilege change and have formulated an issue brief. If any of you are interested, please read public policy and contact me.

Michelle Cowee said the next meeting is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 p.m. .



**Public Comment**

There was no public comment. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.