

**Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Public and Behavioral Health**

**DIETITIAN ADVISORY GROUP
MINUTES**

Date: August 5, 2013

Time: 11 a.m.

MEETING LOCATIONS

Videoconference Locations:

Department of Health
and Human Services

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Attendees:

Carson City:

Leticia Metherell
Michele Cowee
Bernardette Osgood

Las Vegas:

Jennifer Dunaway
Linda Anderson

Via Teleconference:

Barbara Paulsen
Deborah Klein
Jennifer Digesti
Laura Kruskall

Agenda Item #3 - Meetings and ground work

A motion was made and passed to approve that the dietitian advisory group meet twice a year and meet more frequently if necessary.

The Adopted Regulations of the State Board of Health, LCB File No. R090-12, Section 22 relating to the Dietitian Advisory Group was reviewed by members.

Agenda Item #3 - Public Comments

There was no one who wished to testify under the public comment for this agenda item.

Agenda Item #4 - Select Chairperson

The group unanimously passed a motion for Michele Cowee to be Chairperson of the Dietitian Advisory Group.

Agenda Item #4 - Public Comments

There was no one who wished to testify under the public comment for this agenda item.

Agenda Item #5 - Review and approve by-laws.

The by-laws had been reviewed by the advisory group members. No changes were suggested or made. The group unanimously passed approval of the by-laws.

Agenda Item #5 - Public Comments

There was no one who wished to testify under the public comment for this agenda item.

Agenda Item #6 - Open meeting Law discussion; Robert's Rules of Order.

Open Meeting Law and Roberts' Rules of Order was reviewed with the group and explained how agenda issues are addressed and the proper use of public comment after each agenda item. Items discussed included:

- When to vote on an agenda item.
- Notify the Administrative Assistant of agenda items ten days before a meeting.
- Note when a motion is made and seconded for approval.
- Make time for public comment after each agenda item. Also note if no one made a comment. It has to be clear that time was made for anyone from the public to make a comment on an agenda item.

Agenda Item #6 - Public Comment

There was no one who wished to testify under the public comment for this agenda item.

Agenda Item #7 – Legislative updates

The following bills were reviewed: SB21, SB220, AB155, AB228 and AB456.

Agenda Item #7 - Public Comments

There was no one who wished to testify under the public comment for this agenda item.

Agenda Item # 8 - Dietitian Licensing: Discussion of NRS 640E.090, “Applicability of Chapter” and NRS 640E.070, “Practice of dietetics”.

- Recommendation by Advisory Group: types of activities that constitute the practice of dietetics in accordance with NRS 640E.070 versus activities that do not apply in accordance with NRS 640E.090.
- NRS 640E.070 and NRS 640E.090 were reviewed.
- The difference between an athletic trainer and fitness professional was discussed. Athletic trainers are covered in Section 1 (a) of NRS 640E.090. Fitness professionals are not licensed and do not fall under Section 1 (a) of NRS 640E.090. Fitness professionals are limited to providing “nutritional information” as defined in NRS 640E.090. NRS 640E.090 (e) A person who provides services relating to weight loss or weight control through a program reviewed by and in consultation with a licensed dietitian or physician or a dietitian licensed or registered in another state which has equivalent licensure requirements as State of Nevada, as long as the person does not change the services or program without the approval of the person with whom he or she is consulting.
- Scope of practice and job descriptions should be reviewed by employers to ensure:
 1. Non-licensed persons are only providing services allowed in accordance with NRS 640E.090.
 2. Individuals practicing dietetics as defined in NRS 640E.070 are licensed dietitians.
 - 3.
- It was suggested that NRS 640E.070 which defines “Practice of dietetics” and NRS 640E.090, which defines “Applicability of Chapter” be sent out through the dietitian ListServ so that individuals may better understand activities that require one to be licensed and activities that can be done without a license.

Agenda Item # 8 - Public Comments

It was stated that a weight loss program should be signed off by a licensed dietitian and posted for the general public.

- The signature of who approved program is currently not required but will have to be done through regulations.
- Statutes do not require that a weight loss program be signed off and posted for the general public. Although, this is a best practice this requirement would need to be done through the regulations process.

Agenda Item #9 - Public Comment.

There was no one who wished to testify under the public comment for this agenda item.

Agenda Item #10 - Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m.