
DIETITIAN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, November 18, 2021 TIME: 3:30 p.m.

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- Call to order/roll call –
 - Laura J. Kruskall, PhD, RDN, CSSD, LD, FACSM, FAND, Director, Dietetic Internship & Nutritional Center, Coordinator, MS Nutrition Sciences, Kinesiology and Nutrition Services, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Chair
 - Deborah Klein, RD, LD
 - Pam Wagner, RD, LD, CNSC
 - Anne R. Lindsay, Ph.D.

Quorum was met – Deborah Klein, Laura Kruskall, Pam Wagner, and Anne Lindsay in attendance.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment may be presented in person or by computer, phone or written comment. Due to time considerations, each individual offering public comment will be limited to not more than five minutes. A person may also have comments added to the minutes of the meeting by submitting them in writing either in addition to testifying or in lieu of testifying. Written comments may be submitted electronically before, during, or after the meeting by emailing Nikki Feister at nfeister@health.nv.gov. You may also mail written documents to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Attention: Leticia Metherell, 727 Fairview Drive, Suite E, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

Debby Klein announced she is stepping down from her position, she will stay in today's meeting.

2. Approval of meeting minutes from August 12, 2021. **Action Item**
Meeting minutes from August 12, 2021 were approved.
3. Review of data collected from licensed dietitians regarding proposal to require licensed dietitians to obtain additional specialized certification, discussion of data and possible recommendations related to specialized certification of licensed dietitians. **Laura Kruskall, PhD, RDN, CSSD, LD, FACSM, FAND. Action Item**
Laura Kruskall screen shared and spoke regarding the survey response on specialized certification. Out of 771 licensed dietitians, 305 responded making a 40% response rate, which is very good.
4. Review of Licensed Dietitian resumes and possible recommendation to Board of Health for Appointment of Licensed Dietitian to Dietitian Advisory Group established pursuant to NRS 640E.130. **Laura Kruskall, PhD, RDN, CSSD, LD, FACSM, FAND. Action Item**
Specialty certification only 35% respondents selected specialty certificate or other, 80% respondents currently the employer does not need specialty certificate, 14 % had a specialty certificate due to the employer requirement and 97% respondents said it's not realistic to do a specialty certificate. 83 % state that it is not realistic for employer to retain DNN. It's a choice if they want to attain a specialty certificate for their personal development or interest. The reasons for being against specialty certificate is cost, recert time frame which is not realistic and retention which we already have a shortage of dietitians in Nevada. New Master's degree requirements will have additional education on top of their degree. Entry level dietitian will be better when Master's degree is in effect. No other state requires a specialty certification to obtain a license to practice. Laura asked Leticia if she's heard anything from Legislature, Leticia has not but will invite the Assembly woman to attend our next meeting and go over findings, surveys and any recommendations for our group. Laura said, CDR is set for every 5 years for self-assessment, self-monitoring and if a specialty certification is needed, some need it for their positions in their jobs. Anne mention credential expert requires 3 years of experience as RD, 2 years + 1000 to 1500 hours. Dillon mentions he will have data for the next meeting on env, a formal survey. He's not sure how many people on the survey but he can be present and to see if the senator is available as well. Laura said special credential is not to be required to obtain a license in the State of Nevada pr env, Dillon agreed. Laura made a motion – the dietitian advisory board with supervision of env are recommending that the specialty certification not be required for dietitian licensing, and we invite Senator Neil for any future meetings for discussion on this topic.

Debby second, motion passed with 4 ye

Dillon will talk to Peppi Tuma Ivy Academy and Rifin to get a survey on the other states regarding specialty certification information.

Presenting candidates:

Laura gave all the candidates a few minutes to say why they were interested in being a part of the Dietitian Advisory Board. Jeanne Bradford was not present, Pam commented on Jeanne's background and professional history. Manning, Cheryl, Sash, and Barb all spoke regarding their backgrounds, interests and professional experiences. Open discussion on candidates, 2 positions to be filled.

Laura motioned – 2 open positions, 3 out of 4 recommended Cheryl, 2 recommended Barb and 2 recommended St. Jor which the State Board of Health will choose. Anne 2nd Legislature Session will start in 2023 which will the 2 new members time to orient themselves to the DAG process.

5. Presentation of frequently asked questions, blog, social media & any other communication items that may impact dietitians – *Nathan Orme, HCQC. **Informational** Nathan has break down if anyone wants on the percentages. Next meeting, he will present FAQ blog for social media and other communication issues that impact dietitians.*
6. Set date of next Dietitian Advisory Group meeting. **Action Item**
Discussion, vote and approval to keep DAG meetings every 3 months to keep on a regular track, next meeting February 17th at 3:30 p.m.
7. 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.
Dillon, past President of Nevada Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and consumer protection coordinator for the Nevada Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
8. Adjournment - meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

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