

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR)
South Carolina Panel for Dietetics
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2014 at 10:00 A.M.
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 204
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karen G. Schwartz, MS, RD, Vice Chair
Rona B. Ewart, MEd, RD
Edna Cox Rice, RD
Judy H. Thomas, RD
Rebecca G. Wrenn, RD
Michael C. Greene, Esquire

VACANT POSITIONS:

Professional Member (One)

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Donnell Jennings, Esquire, Office of Advice Counsel
Angie M. Combs, Administrator
For IRC Report:
Althea B. Myers, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Byron Ray, Office of Investigations and Enforcement

IN ATTENDANCE:

Kathryn B. Bostrom, Certified Court Reporter, Capital City Reporting, LLC
Megan Old, Public Information Director, S.C. Department of Health and Human Services
Channell Webster, Public Information Coordinator, S.C. Department of Health and Human Services
Individuals Representing the Dietetics Profession

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the South Carolina Panel for Dietetics office and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 South Carolina Code, as amended, relating to the Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE: The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Panel Vice Chair Karen Schwartz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A **motion** was made by Ms. Rice to accept the order of the September 12, 2014 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ewart and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A **motion** was made by Ms. Ewart to accept the February 7, 2014 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rice and carried unanimously.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT (OIE) REPORT: Ms. Althea Myers, Chief Investigator, provided the OIE Report. The Panel accepted this report as information.

INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT: Ms. Althea Myers, Chief Investigator, provided the IRC Report to the Panel. It was recommended to dismiss Case #2014-3. A **motion** made by Ms. Wrenn to follow up for compliance on a quarterly basis and to accept the recommendations to dismiss Case #2014-3. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greene and carried unanimously.

REPORTS / INFORMATION

Information was provided by Ms. Combs concerning the following topics:

- Licensee Total Report – there are 1014 currently licensed dietitians; 172 are out of state.
- Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report – no cases to report.
- Financial Report – presented as information.

NEW BUSINESS

Obesity Initiative: Ms. Megan Old, Public Information Director, and Ms. Channell Webster, Public Information Coordinator, from the S.C. Department of Health and Human Services provided information concerning an Obesity Initiative in which licensed dietitians will play an important part. The Panel agreed to generate an email blast and place information on its website to inform licensees.

Dietitians as a Medicaid Provider Type: Upon Federal Medicaid approval, licensed dietitians will become recognized as a Medicaid Provider Type.

Diet Prescribing Privileges: A **motion** was made by Ms. Ewart to meet with the Hospital Association, the Medical Association, and the Nurses Association to provide education on the CMS rule related to therapeutic diet orders; a letter of support will be requested to be written to DHEC to modify regulations concerning therapeutic diet orders. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rice and carried unanimously.

CE Requirement for Renewal: A **motion** was made by Ms. Thomas to form a subcommittee with Ms. Rice and Ms. Ewart to review Section 40-8(B)(C) of the Regulations and amend the language concerning continuing education and present to the Panel their recommendations at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wrenn and carried unanimously.

Nominations and Election of Officers: Ms. Ewart nominated Ms. Schwartz for election as Chair of the Panel. All agreed to Ms. Schwartz's nomination. Voting commenced; all members voted in favor of Ms. Schwartz being the Panel's next Chair. Ms. Rice nominated Ms. Ewart for election for Vice Chair of the Panel. All agreed to Ms. Ewart's nomination. Voting commenced; all members voted in favor of Ms. Ewart being the Panel's next Vice Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made at this time. The public participated in earlier discussions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Meeting Date – March 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Ms. Ewart to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rice and carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Ms. Schwartz adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

These minutes are a record of the official actions taken by the Panel and a summary of the meeting provided by Angie M. Combs, Administrator. Minutes are presented to the Panel for final approval.