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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION DECEMBER 2, 2008 MEETING

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Dietetics and Nutrition met in regular session on December 2, 2008, at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center (UL), Conference Room 2, Lansing, Michigan.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Eileen Mikus, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Members Present:**

Eileen Mikus, M.S., Chairperson  
Coco Newton, M.P.H., Vice Chairperson  
Carl Christoph, J.D.  
Eugene Magnuson, Public Member  
Mohey Mowafy, Ph.D.  
William Prout, Public Member  
Lorraine Weatherspoon, Ph.D.

#### **Staff Present:**

Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division  
Amy Shell, Policy Administration Mgr, Licensing Division  
Desmond Mitchell, Analyst, Licensing Division  
Laurie VanBeelen, Secretary, Licensing Division

#### **Others Present:**

Elia Acuna, American Clinical Board of Nutrition  
Bethany Thayer  
Beverly Rice  
Susanne Consiglio  
Nathan Worthing  
Susan Pennell, RPh, CCN  
Kathy Rhodes, PhD, RD  
Amanda Therrian, on behalf of Senator Schauer

Katherine DeGrow, DeGrow & Associates  
Jillian Beckman-Eaton, Metagenics  
Mary Jo Rhonds  
Susan Pontac, RN, Metagenics  
Jennifer Ropposch, Metagenics

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION* by Christoph, seconded by Prout, to approve the October 3, 2008 meeting minutes with the following correction:

Under Old Business, A. Review of Available Certifications: CCN Certification, the first sentence of the second paragraph should read as follows: Mikus indicated that individuals do not need licensure in order to sell supplements.

Mowafy abstained from the vote.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*MOTION* by Weatherspoon, seconded by Christoph, to approve the agenda with the following addition:

Under 6. New Business, add C. Elections.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Review of Available Certifications**

The Board discussed additional information provided by the Department regarding the certifications currently under the Board's review.

Weatherspoon thanked the Department staff for the information provided and reminded the Board of the need to move forward.

*MOTION* by Mowafy, seconded by Newton, to clarify whether or not NOCA accreditation is sufficient to meet the criteria for licensure.

Discussion was held and the motion was withdrawn.

Ramsdell commented that NOCA accreditation information was provided at the request of the Board and should not be construed as the only factor in determining acceptability of a particular certification.

Christoph reminded the Board that it is bound by the language of the statute.

Ramsdell indicated to the Board that final certification program charts will be provided to the Board before Christmas. She asked that if any members were aware of any inaccuracies or had questions regarding the certification program information, to advise Department staff as soon as possible.

This matter will be further addressed at the January meeting.

#### **Administrative Rules**

Ramsdell provided the Board with the applicable portion of the Michigan Public Health Code that references Dietetics and Nutrition (R333.18351-R333.18363) and also Draft 1 of the general rules. She stressed to the Board that this draft of the rules is a working draft and is not to be distributed to or discussed with anyone other than Board members and Department staff.

Mitchell provided a cursory review of draft 1 of the rules. The Board will continue discussion of the rules at the January meeting.

### ***NEW BUSINESS***

#### **Review of Board Correspondence Received**

Mikus directed the Board to various letters received by the Department from the public and asked that members review same. If there are comments regarding this correspondence, it will be addressed at the January meeting.

#### **Department Update**

Ramsdell reported that the procedure for criminal background checks applicable to all new licensees and individuals applying for re-licensure is going well. She stated that, on average, she is receiving reports within 24 hours of applicants being fingerprinted. Ramsdell also explained the "wrap-back" system in place which will enable the Department to be notified if a licensee has a future criminal conviction.

Shell introduced Laurie VanBeelen as the Department secretary who will now be assisting the Board.

### **Elections**

Ramsdell briefly explained the election process and asked the Board for nominations of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

*NOMINATION* by Mowafy to elect Christoph as Chairperson. The nomination was declined.

*NOMINATION* by Weatherspoon, seconded by Magnuson, to elect Mikus as Chairperson.

A voice vote was held: Yeas: Newton, Prout, Weatherspoon, Christoph, Magnuson, Mowafy, Mikus

*NOMINATION* by Weatherspoon to elect Prout as Vice Chairperson. There was no second for the nomination. The motion died due to lack of support.

*NOMINATION* by Mowafy, seconded by Prout, to elect Newton as Vice Chairperson.

A voice vote was held: Yeas: Prout, Christoph, Magnuson, Mowafy, Newton, Mikus  
Nay: Weatherspoon

### ***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Elia Acuna spoke on behalf of the American Clinical Board of Nutrition (ACBN). She explained the ACBN certification process and indicated that she would provide information to the Department.

John Meulendyk, Nathan Worthing, Robert Kress and Barbara Starke provided written letters.

### ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

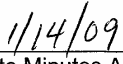
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 14, 2009 at 8:30 a.m., in the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 5, Lansing, Michigan.


## **ADJOURNMENT**

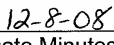
**MOTION** by Mowafy, seconded by Prout, to adjourn at 12:13 p.m.

**MOTION PREVAILED**

  
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Date Minutes Approved

  
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Laurie A. VanBeelen, Secretary

  
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Date Minutes Prepared