

MINUTES

**UTAH
DIETITIAN BOARD
MEETING**

MAY 13, 2009

**Room 475 – 4th Floor – 9:00 AM
Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:05 am

ADJOURNED: 9:57 am

Bureau Manager:

Sally A. Stewart

Board Secretary:

Penny Vogeler

Board Members Present:

Kathleen Nielsen
D. Pauline Williams
Lisa Loertscher, Chairperson
Richard C. Engar DDS

Board Members Excused:

K. Lorraine Liston

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Oath Of Office For Board Members

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Stewart administered the oath to Kathleen Nielsen, Lisa Loertscher, and Pauline Williams

MINUTES:

The minutes from May 15, 2007 were reviewed. A motion was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Dr. Engar to approve them as written. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Open and Public Meetings Act

Ms. Stewart discussed changes to the Open and Public Meetings Act. The Act now requires that the minutes be made available in a “reasonable period of time”. As not all boards meet monthly formal approval may be delayed. DOPL procedure will be to edit and post minutes “awaiting formal approval” but making them available to the public within approximately 30 days, with formal approval to take place at the next meeting. Dr. Engar asked that the minutes also be e-mailed to the Board members.

Association Information

Ms. Stewart mentioned she understood that the Certified Dietitians have an active Association. She noted that updated information on the Association and

its members was needed. Ms. Williams will e-mail current information to Ms. Vogeler.

Discussion of the Rules

Ms. Stewart led a discussion on the rule, asking if there were any issues or concerns with the current rule. The term “nutritionist” and a temporary certification were discussed. It was asked what happens when an intern has not taken the exam but has finished the training. This situation would qualify for a temporary license under DOPL’s Licensing Act. It was noted that the application needs to be changed with regard to temporary certification. It was also noted there are 571 active certified dietitians in the state.

The question was asked about a Dietitian “practicing” in Utah over the internet. He or she needs to be licensed (certified) within the state where the client resides. If the client goes to the Dietician’s office or location, in another state, they do not need to be licensed (certified) in Utah. The Board was advised to contact investigations for any issues that they feel needs to be looked into.

Ms. Stewart asked the Board for current information on the Code of Ethics. She also encouraged the members to become familiar with the Laws and Rules.

HCG Diet

There was some discussion among the Board members regarding the HCG Diet currently becoming very popular and consisting of a daily consumption of only 500 calories. The Board was aware of the Diet.

Next scheduled meeting

None at this time (annual meetings)

ADJOURN:

9:57 a.m.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

Date Approved

Lisa Loertscher, Chairperson
Dietitian Board

Date Approved

Sally A. Stewart, Bureau Manager
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing