

nutrition assessments and to provide nutrition counseling to these patients violated facility policy and procedure and violated the minimal standard of acceptable and prevailing practice of licensed dietitians.

a. Patient # 1 was admitted to the facility on March 25, 2001, and discharged on November 5, 2001. At the time of admission patient # 1's weight and height fell below the 5th percentile for his age. A judicial advocate for the mentally ill expressed concern in April of 2001 that no nutrition assessment had been completed for this patient and that he was not receiving appropriate nutritional intake. A physician ordered increased portions and serving sizes of a regular diet in April and June of 2001. Despite the physician orders and concerns expressed by the advocate, Respondent failed to complete a nutrition assessment of this patient, failed to complete appropriate follow-up with respect to this patient's care, and failed to provide appropriate nutrition counseling to this patient.

b. Patient # 2 was admitted to the facility on July 2, 2001, and was discharged on October 15, 2001. At the time of admission patient # 2's weight exceeded the 95th percentile for his age. A physician ordered a reduced calorie diet on two occasions in August of 2001. Respondent failed to complete a nutritional assessment of patient # 2 from the date of admission to September 5, 2001, despite the physician order of a modified diet. On September 6, 2001, Respondent recommended a diet higher in calories than that recommended by the patient's physician. Respondent failed to provide nutrition counseling to patient # 2 regarding appropriate diet.

c. Patient # 3 was admitted to the facility on October 10, 2001, and discharged on November 16, 2001. Patient # 3's weight exceeded the 95th percentile for his age. Respondent failed to complete a nutritional assessment of patient # 3, failed to provide appropriate foods, and failed to provide nutrition counseling to patient # 3 regarding appropriate diet.

d. Respondent failed to include nutrition assessments, discharge planning, or nutrition counseling information on patient diet history forms utilized for patients in 2001.

FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On September 29, 2004, the Iowa Board of Dietetic Examiners found probable cause to file this Statement of Charges and to order that a hearing be set in this case.

This Statement of Charges is approved by the board on October 11, 2004.