

Open Session Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF DIETETICS
September 20, 2013
Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, Iowa

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., by Stacey Loftus, Chair.

Roll Call/Introductions:

Members Present:

Stacey Loftus, RD, LD
Dan Deutschman, Public Member
Janet Johnson, MS, RD, LD
Bridget Drapeaux, MA, RD, LD
Steven Kury, Public Member

Staff Present:

Sharon Dozier, Board Executive
Barb Huey, Bureau Chief
Laura Cathelyn, AAG
Barb Christiansen, Administrative Assistant
Tammy Hidlebaugh, Licensure Specialist

Guests Present:

Karen Klein, Iowa Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Drapeaux to approve the minutes from June 21, 2013 and the conference call minutes from July 24, 2013. A second was received from Johnson. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Reports:

Board Executive- Sharon Dozier provided a copy of the IDPH Profile Request form, which has the draft language the board has requested for the legislative technical amendment to Chapter 152A. She explained that this is the form used to submit requests for technical amendments to the Iowa Code. The form is used by programs within the Department to explain the amendments that are requested and reasons for the request. Dozier noted that the request reflects the name change of the American Dietetic Association to Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, and includes the Commission on Dietetic Registration. Dozier will send a copy to Karen Klein.

The Chair recognized Karen Klein, who asked whether new titles recognized by AND/CDR, including Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN), would be included in the technical amendment. Dozier stated that adding this title to the chapter would likely be beyond a technical amendment. Drapeaux added that the new titles are optional for a licensee, and may not be applicable to individual practice. Meeting agendas: Meeting agendas for all boards have been revised to provide more detailed information. This will increase public awareness of what will be discussed by the boards. The agendas will include an item for approval the minutes of closed session meetings when the board has held a closed session at a meeting. The closed session minutes will be reviewed by the board in closed session, and a motion for approval of those minutes will be taken in open session. In addition, a new instruction card is provided for board members when holding closed sessions. Rules Committee: Dozier reported that the committee plans to meet following the board meeting. The public is welcome to attend and participate. December 6, 2013 board meeting: this may be scheduled as a conference call. The meeting may begin at 8:00 a.m. if there is a conflict with another board meeting that day.

Drapeaux brought up the issue of possible deregulation of licensure, noting that there were concerns of licensees at a professional meeting based on recent articles in the Des Moines Register and other publications. Barb Huey reported that there has been media attention to the boards, but she has received no indication of possible changes to licensure. Huey will update the boards if there are any legislative requests regarding this topic.

Bureau Chief: Barb Huey reported on the new licensure application in the AMANDA system. There will be specific information provided to the associations before the online applications are implemented, as this part of the new system will be completed first. Karen Klein commented that there will be a statewide association meeting in November. Huey suggested that she contact Marvin Firch with the details so that he may present information on the AMANDA system. Huey also reported that she is preparing the final 2013 report on board fees and expenses, and she is working on the prospective 2014 budget report. She will provide a report to boards after January 1, 2014.

AAG: Laura Cathelyn reported that board members should not use the “reply all” option on emails. She noted that everyone should respond only to the person sending the email, to avoid the possibility of accidentally conducting an electronic board meeting in violation of open meetings law. AAG Cathelyn also referenced Drapeaux’s question regarding the concerns discussed at a professional meeting. Cathelyn noted that in order to avoid scrutiny about a possible conflict, to remember that the role of board members is protection of the public.

Chair: No report was given

Rules Committee: No report was given

Administrative Rules:

None were reviewed.

Applications:

The list of licenses issued during the quarter was reviewed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

There were no requests for items to review at the next meeting.

Public Comment: None

Complaints:

Discussed in open session:

Case 12-001, Sheryl Ellinwood, Empowered Health Resource, Pella. The Discipline Committee recommends sending a Cease and Desist letter to include identified areas of concern.

Therapeutic concerns include food sensitivity, testing and consulting, cancer and nutrition counseling, detoxification workshops, thyroid testing and consultations, and supplementation recommendations. A motion was made by Johnson to send a Cease and Desist Letter on Case 12-001. A second was received from Kury. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Follow up:

Jane Reinhardt-Martin- Dozier reported that there is no new information to report, and no action needed.

Lori Graff - Loftus recused herself from the discussion. Dozier noted that the quarterly report has been distributed. There was agreement that the report is acceptable. Loftus then returned to the meeting.

Closed Session:

A motion was made by Kury to enter into closed session at 10:31 a.m., to discuss whether to initiate licensee investigation or proceedings as allowed under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)d., and to discuss records that are required to be kept confidential under Iowa Code section 21.5(1) a. A second was received from Johnson. Roll call taken:

Loftus - Aye

Johnson - Aye

Drapeaux - Aye

Deutschman - Aye

Kury - Aye

Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 10:43 a.m. No actions were taken following closed session.

Remaining 2013 Board Meetings:

December 6, 2013 – conference call

2014 Board Meetings:

March 21, 2014

June 13, 2014

September 19, 2014

December 19, 2014

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Drapeaux to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m. A second was received from Deutschman. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

These minutes were approved at the December 6, 2013 conference call.