

IOWA BOARD OF DIETETICS

**Conference Call
September 17, 2010
9:00 a.m.**

**Origination Site:
Lucas State Office Building
5th Floor Professional Licensure Board Room**

Reason for the Conference Call

This meeting was held by conference call due to the limited meeting agenda and the need to ensure the efficient use of board resources and board members' time. In accordance with Iowa Code section 21.8, access to the meeting was provided to members of the public through attendance at the origination site.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Rob Schweers, board chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Schweers
Christine O'Brien, LD
Susan Reams, LD
Jonathan Taylor
Janet Johnson, MS, RD, LD

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT

Sharon Dozier, board executive
Tammy Hidlebaugh, clerk specialist
Kris Ensign, AAG
Barb Huey, bureau chief

PUBLIC PRESENT

Sandi Ryan, Iowa Dietetic Association (IDA)

INTRODUCTIONS

Barb Huey introduced herself to the board as the new bureau chief.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Revisions: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dozier reported that there was a clarification under the new business item in the June 28 minutes. The correspondence submitted by Joni Wells was not specific to dietitians working in hospital settings. It was moved by Sue Reams and seconded by Janet Johnson to approve the minutes of June 28, 2010 as corrected. The motion carried.

REPORTS

Administrator: Sharon Dozier reported that due to the additional workload on existing staff since the early retirements in June, any board specific rules that were not previously discussed have been tabled. The rules for this board were in process before the transition, so these will not be affected. The board requested that the rules be provided to the association for pre-notice by mid-October.

Bureau Chief: Barb Huey provided an overview of her previous experience in county and state government, and said she is looking forward to working with the professional licensure boards. She spoke about the staff changes in the Bureau due to budget cuts and the State Early Retirement Incentive Program (SERIP). One of the two vacant board executive positions and the vacant administrative assistant position has been filled. The other board executive position remains unfilled, but Huey hopes to receive approval to hire for this position in the future.

AAG: No report was given.

Board Chair: No report was given. Reams announced that she will likely be the IDA President in 2012. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The common rules for adoption of the changes in the audit language (Chapter 4) were discussed. Dozier noted that the board approved these rules for notice at the March 12, 2010 board meeting. O'Brien made a motion to adopt ARC 8784B. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATIONS

Twelve licenses were issued; there were none for review.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Schweers asked about the term nutritionist used in advertising. He recognized Sandi Ryan of IDA, who said she is aware of a situation in which a personal trainer is giving nutrition advice that may fall outside of the Code exemptions. Taylor said he believes it is appropriate for trainers to suggest reducing fat and sodium, as it affects performance and is needed to properly prepare for work out sessions. Often these persons are not likely to retain the services of a dietitian. Sandi Ryan stated that the Wisewoman Program is a good example, because these types of messages may be given to a group, but it would be inappropriate to adjust an individual diet. O'Brien stated there are often times when non-dietitians are on the fringe of practice that requires a license, e.g., reviewing a weekly diet plan. Reams agreed this is an issue, because insurance often does not reimburse for nutrition counseling, so consumers find other sources of information. Johnson added that physicians and other health professionals should provide referrals when appropriate. Schweers asked what the IDA role is. Sandi

responded that IDA is working to strengthen the law. Schweers suggested a complaint be filed if there are specific individual concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandi Ryan stated that she had no additional public comment.

HEARINGS

None

COMPLAINTS

There were no complaints for review.

REMAINING BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2010

December 10, 2010

2011 meetings: March 11

June 10

September 9

December 9

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Taylor and seconded by O'Brien to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

The minutes were approved by the board on December 10, 2010.