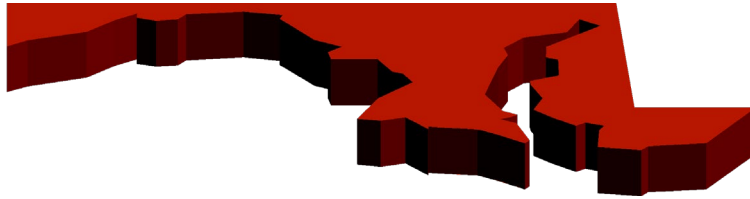


STATE OF MARYLAND



BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE

OPEN SESSION AGENDA

MAY 19, 2022 - 10:00 A.M.

METRO EXECUTIVE BUILDING, ROOM 110
AND GOOGLE MEET TELECONFERENCE

Call to order – Rebecca J. Snow, CNS, LDN, Board Chair

ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2022 (See attached - Item 1)
- ITEM 2 Committee Reports
 - A. Budget – Ms. Snow, Ms. Duru, Ms. Paren
 - B. Credentials – Ms. Snow, Dr. Castor, Ms. Nyce
 - C. Regulations/Legislation – Ms. Snow, Mr. Afkhami, Dr. Castor
 - Spanish CDR Exam (See attached - Item 2C)
 - D. Standards of Practice – Ms. Snow, Dr. Castor, Ms. Paren
 - E. Media and Public Awareness – Ms. Snow, Ms. Duru
 - Hot Topic Email Blast
 - 1. Implicit Bias Training
 - 2. CDR degree requirement will change from a baccalaureate degree to a graduate degree January 1, 2024.
 - F. Dietetic Rehabilitation Committee – Ms. Snow, Dr. Rubinstein
- ITEM 3 Update on Network Reconnection
- ITEM 4 Update on Board Member Vacancies/Reappointments
 - 1. Laura Davis' Resignation from the Board

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2. Upcoming Board Vacancies – Terms expiring June 30, 2022.

-Certified Nutrition Specialist and who may not be a registered dietitian. (Rebecca J. Snow, CNS, LDN is currently in this seat and is eligible for reappointment.)

-Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist who is engaged primarily in clinical dietetic practice. (Laura Davis, RDN, LDN resigned effective April 5, 2022)

-Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist who is engaged primarily in community or public health dietetic practice. (Erin Braunscheidel Duru , RDN, LDN is currently in this seat and is not eligible for reappointment.)

5. Elect Board Secretary

Adjourn to Administrative Session

**BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2022
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Present

Rebecca Snow, LDN–Board Chair
Chimene Castor, LDN- Board Vice Chair
Mahssan Afkhami, Board Member
Kaitlin Costello, LDN – Board Member
Linnet Nyce, LDN – Board Member
Linda Paren, LDN – Board Member
Malcolm Rubinstein, Ph.D – Board Member

Staff

Marie Savage – Administrator
Lenelle Cooper – Adm. Officer
Stacey Darin, AAG
Lillian Reese, Board Leg Reg

Absent

Laura C. Davis, LDN-Board Secretary/Treasurer
Erin Braunscheidel Duru, LDN-Board Member

Visitors

Kimberly Link, MDH Liaison

Call To Order

Ms. Snow, LDN, Board Chair, called the teleconference meeting to Order at 10:05 a.m. on March 17, 2022.

New Business

ITEM 1

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the January 20, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

ITEM 2

Committee Reports

No Report.

Credentialing –

No Report.

Regulations/Legislation –

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The Board discussed the use of the Legislative Committee to review legislation and take positions on bills. The Committee would review bills during the legislative session and vote to take a position on bills. The Board would ratify the position at the next meeting during the Open Session. Other health occupation boards use their legislative committees and then Board ratification instead of emergency meetings to vote on legislation. The Board voted unanimously to authorize the Legislative Committee to review legislation and take positions on legislation during the legislative session. Dr. Castor volunteered to serve on the committee in addition to the current committee members including: Ms. Snow, Mr. Afkhami and MS. Davis.

Ms. Reese provided an update on the legislation that is of interest to the Board.

SB 899/HB1455 Health Occupations Boards – Authority Over Infrastructure – Staffing and Operations. SB899 received an unfavorable vote and HB1455 did not get voted out of the Rules Committee.

SB440/HB625 Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland – Establishment passed.

Establishing the Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland to examine certain areas related to health care workforce shortages in the State, including the extent of the workforce shortage, short-term solutions to the workforce shortage, future health care workforce needs, and the relationship between the Maryland Department of Health and the health occupations boards, including the Dental Board. Members of the Commission include the Executive Director of each health occupations board or the Executive Director's designee.

Duties of the Commission include, determining the extent of the healthcare workforce shortage in the State, including the extent of shortages in different settings including in-home care, hospitals, private practice, nursing homes and other long-term care settings, primary and secondary schools, community health centers, community-based behavioral health treatment programs, and hospice care.

With respect to the relationship between the health occupations board and the Maryland Department of Health, determine what authority the Secretary of Health should have over the boards, and what additional support the Department could provide the boards to assist with workloads, overhead, staffing, technology improvement, and other areas identified by the Commission. An interim report is due on or before December 31, 2022, and a final report is due on or before December 31, 2023. *The Act is an emergency measure and shall take effect from the date that it is enacted or signed by the Governor.*

HB112/SB230 - Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting did not pass.

SB77 Health Occupations Boards - Investigations - Right to Counsel did not pass.

SB111 Occupational Licenses or Certificates - Pre-Application Determinations - Criminal Convictions did not pass.

Standards of Practice –

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No Report.

Media and Public Awareness –

No Report.

Dietetic Rehabilitation Committee -

No Report.

ITEM 3

The Maryland Department of Health experienced a network security incident on December 5, 2021. The Board's computers were affected. The Department requested that the Boards sign a Memorandum of Understanding prior to the Department reconnecting the boards to the network. The Board Members were provided a copy of the MOU. There are questions regarding IT staff and reconnection.

ITEM 4

Ms. Savage gave an update on Maryland.gov email addresses for Board Members. Maryland.gov email addresses were established for each Board Member. The Board will be transitioning to using the Maryland.gov email address.

ITEM 5

Approved for Licensure

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| Michala Vasold, RD | 86098326 | Laura Menefee, CNS | 18197 |
| Katherine Rogers, RD | 86106596 | Gaia Di Giacomo, RD | 86061535 |
| RoseEmma Metzler, RD | 86109581 | Jared Navarro, RD | 86076572 |
| Stephanie Lawthers, RD | 713306 | Tiffany Giles, RD | 952455 |
| Kaitlyn Wengryniuk, RD | 86017635 | Amanda Casteel, RD | 86104674 |
| Elizabeth Barnett-Boebel, RD | 992326 | Allison Wiseman, RD | 976704 |
| Leah Genack, RD | 86210715 | Megan Mincey, RD | 86081884 |
| Alannah Gore, RD | 86083637 | Arelis Torres, R642D | 86000167 |
| Carolann O'Connor, RD | 86326196 | Kelly Rouse, RD | 996160 |
| Gail Swiney, RD | 86013171 | Steven Collins, RD | 86014429 |
| Jill Tharp, RD | 86089511 | Kathlene Hendon, RD | 662642 |
| Marsha Kentish, CNS | 18340 | Caitlin Knisley, RD | 86177359 |
| Tracey O'Neill, CNS | 18411 | Maria Aragon, RD | 1008638 |
| Reva Schlanger, RD | 86146279 | Amber Hamilton, RD | 86031972 |
| Tracey Shaffer, RD | 805630 | Genevieve Sanders, RD | 86010354 |
| Amy Kerner, CNS | 17624 | Maria Kyvernitis, RD | 960103 |
| Kirstin Roebuck, RD | 86168737 | Emily Simone, RD | 86115811 |
| Connelly Dakil, RD | 86037963 | Britta Heath, RD | 86314362 |
| Magdaline Kosztyo, RD | 709935 | Tija Lau, RD | 86118350 |
| Monique Smith, CNS | 17976 | Ruth Harper, RD | 809439 |
| Emily Lounsbury, RD | 86092785 | Daphene Altema-Johnson, RD | 86099787 |

Open Session

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The next Board meeting is scheduled on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 110. The meeting will be in person and virtual.

Adjournment

The open meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov., §3-305(b) (13) The Board Members present unanimously voted to close its meeting for the purpose of complying with Md. Code Ann, Health Occ. §1-401, which prevents public disclosures of the Board's proceedings, records, and files. The Board considered applications for licensure which contained confidential information regarding criminal history.

Rebecca J. Snow, LDN – Board Chair

Laura C. Davis, LDN - Board Secretary

Marie Savage - Administrator

Dear State Dietetics Licensure Board Representative:

The Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) has been asked to offer a Spanish version of its registration examination for dietitians and is currently gathering information regarding this process and possible implications. Successful completion of CDR's registration examination results in the Registered Dietitian (RD) credential in the US. The RD credential is recognized by US healthcare accrediting agencies, state licensure boards, government and private/corporate employers.

Please answer the following questions:

1. If a fixed-form Spanish examination were created (by selecting items from the established computer-adaptive testing (CAT) item bank for the RD exam and translated and validated by Spanish translators and dietetics professionals) would your licensure board consider this exam to be equivalent to the current online CAT administered exam and be accepted to meet your requirements to obtain dietetic licensure?
 - a. The proposed fixed-form exam would be 145 items (20 of the proposed exam items would be pre-test items).
 - b. The 145-item fixed-form exam would be equivalent to the maximum number of items that a candidate could possibly see during the online, CAT version.
2. The current CAT exam offers between 125 and 145 items (20 of which are pre-test items). How should CDR report examination results in order to satisfy your state's dietetics licensure requirements?
 1. Would the licensure board want to see Spanish exam results, via the fixed form, reported separately from English-only CAT examination results?
 2. Would CDR need to distinguish the candidates who took the Spanish exam by offering credential verification denoting that they took the Spanish version of the credentialing exam?
 3. Would a special credential designation, noted in 'b,' be required to inform state dietetic licensure boards that the credentialed practitioner's practice proficiency and communication expertise has been validated by examination for only Spanish speaking and written communications?
 3. As a state dietetic licensure board representative, do you have any other concerns or suggestions to offer CDR regarding this topic?

Your timely response to this inquiry is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Becky

Rebecca Beavers, MPP

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