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Board Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2022

Microsoft Teams

9:00 AM

Members Present:

Lisa Brown, Chair
Irene Sedlacko, Vice Chair
Pranita Amarasinghe
Heather Hanley
Dominica Nichols

Members Absent:

E. Reese
Catherine Lynn Drennan

Staff Present:

Lisa Guglietta, Executive Director
Sheila York, Board Counsel

Others Present:

Maria O'Donnell, applicant

The meeting was called to order at 9:29 a.m. Pursuant to **Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, signed into law on February 12, 2022**, all Board members and staff appeared either telephonically or by videoconference.

Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting Law Requirements

Sheila York, Board Counsel, reviewed Conflict of Interest and the Open Meeting Law with the Board.

Approval of the Public Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2022

The Board reviewed the Public Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2022. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Nichols, seconded by Ms. Hanley.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:



Dr. Brown (Yes), Ms. Amarasinghe (Yes), Ms. Hanley (Yes), Dr. Nichols (Yes), Ms. Sedlacko (Yes)

The motion passed.

Legal Report

Sheila York, Board Counsel, updated the Board on proposed regulation changes to 268 CMR. The Board requested that the Waiver of Continuing Education Requirements be removed and replaced with language authorizing the Board to extend a licensee's deadline for continuing education rather than waive the requirement entirely.

Discussion

Dietitian Credit Inquiry

The Board discussed the Dietitian Credit Inquiry from Allison Hughes of Clinical Care Options, LLC. Ms. Hughes asked if MA dietitians who participate fully in their program be able to utilize the 30 PI *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*TM for their licensure needs within the state of Massachusetts?

The Chair stated that the Board does not generally pre-approve programs for continuing education credits. The Board requested that staff ascertain what percentage of the course addresses nutrition and lifestyle in order for the Board to decide about approval.

Thereafter a motion was made by Ms. Hanley, seconded by Ms. Amarasinghe to delegate the decision for approval of a number of CE hours in the program to the Chair and Vice Chair based on their independent review and approval once the Board's question is answered.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Dr. Brown (Yes), Ms. Amarasinghe (Yes), Ms. Hanley (Yes), Dr. Nichols (Yes), Ms. Sedlacko (Yes)

The motion passed.

Correspondence

Email from the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR)

The Board discussed a Spanish Exam Inquiry from CDR. The Board is in support of a Spanish version of the CDR registration examination for dietitians. The Board would like the Spanish exam to be equivalent to the current exam and does not want the exam results to be reported separately from English-only results. The Board answered the questions posed in the email and directed staff to provide them in a response email to CDR.

Application Approval

Maria O'Donnell 2021-000163-NU-A

After review of materials provided, a motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Ms. Amarasinghe to approve the applicant to test.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Dr. Brown (Yes), Ms. Amarasinghe (Yes), Ms. Hanley (Yes), Dr. Nichols (Yes), Ms. Sedlacko (Yes)

The motion passed.

Reinstatements

The Board reviewed the following applications for reinstatement:

Ryan Andrews 3504-NU-NU

After review of materials provided, a motion was made by Ms. Amarasinghe, seconded by Ms. Hanley to accept the remaining CEUs needed and reinstate his license.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Dr. Brown (Yes), Ms. Amarasinghe (Yes), Ms. Hanley (Yes), Dr. Nichols (Yes), Ms. Sedlacko (Yes)

The Motion passed.

Jennifer Dibello 2145-NU-NU

After review of materials provided, a motion was made by Ms. Hanley, seconded by Ms. Sedlacko to approve the reinstatement application.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Dr. Brown (Yes), Ms. Amarasinghe (Yes), Ms. Hanley (Yes), Dr. Nichols (Yes), Ms. Sedlacko (Yes)

The Motion passed.

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Investigative Conference CLOSED per M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C:

At 10:30 a.m. a motion was made by Ms. Amarasinghe, seconded by Ms. Hanley, to end the public session and go into Closed Session per G.L. c. 112, § 65C for the purpose of reviewing cases in investigative conference. The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Dr. Brown (Yes), Ms. Amarasinghe (Yes), Ms. Hanley (Yes), Dr. Nichols (Yes), Ms. Sedlacko (Yes)

Motion passed. The Chair announced that the Board would not be resuming public session after the closed 65C session.

The Board took the following actions during closed session:

- 2022-000193-IT-ENF (*EF*) Sent to Prosecutions
- 2022-000515-IT-ENF (*DR*) Closed without action

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Hanley, seconded by Ms. Sedlacko to adjourn the meeting at **10:58 AM**.

The Chair called for a Roll call vote:

Dr. Brown (Yes), Ms. Amarasinghe (Yes), Ms. Hanley (Yes), Dr. Nichols (Yes), Ms. Sedlacko (Yes)

The Motion passed.

Documents Used During the Meeting:

1. Posted Agenda
2. Draft Minutes of the March 25, 2022 meeting
3. Proposed Changes to 268 CMR 3 Redline
4. Email and Program Description from Clinical Care Options, LLC.
5. Email from Commission on Dietetic Registration
6. Experience documents: MO
7. Reinstatement applications: R.A., J.D.

The above minutes were approved at the open meeting held on September 9, 2022.

Lisa M. Guglietta
Executive Director