



Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Health

BOARD OF DIETETICS/NUTRITION

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	DR. ANNINA BURNS, CHAIRPERSON	PRESENT
	DR. JANET UNONU, MEMBER	PRESENT
	JENNIFER McCRINDLE	ABSENT
STAFF:		
	ROBIN JENKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARDS OF ALLIED AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	PRESENT
	ERIC YEAGER, ESQ., HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	PRESENT
	LEONARD HOWARD, INVESTIGATOR	PRESENT
	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ESQ., BOARD ATTORNEY	PRESENT

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OS-0920-01	SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT <u>Board Action:</u> There was no report.	
OS-0920-02	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT <u>Board Action:</u> The Executive Director welcomed Dr. Annina to the Board as new Member and Chair, and said that she looked forward to working with her in the coming months. She said that ethics training will be held for new Board Members in November, and that those who complete the class will be given government email addresses and key fobs to access the DOH building. The Executive Director also announced that D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser and the City Council have passed legislation requiring that all professional health licensees complete two (2) CEUs of training directed at meeting the needs of the lesbian, gay, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) clients/patients for each license renewal. She asked the Board to consider at its next meeting whether to add these two (2) credits to the total of thirty (30) CEU credits currently required for licensure renewal, or whether these two (2) credits should be folded into the current thirty (30)-credit CEU requirement for renewal, and the Board agreed to do so.	
OS-0920-03	BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT <u>Board Action:</u> The Board Attorney announced that the City Council has proposed new legislation which would require a health professional's employer, health care provider, facility or agency to submit a written report, within five (5) days, of any action taken against a health professional for incompetence, mental or physical impairment, unprofessional, illegal or unethical conduct. If the reporting requirement is not met, the Mayor may impose a fine of up to \$10,000 per incident. This	



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	<p>legislation is entitled the "Health-Care and Community Residence Facility Licensure Act of 1983 Amendment of 2016. The Board Chair found this legislation troublesome given its broad scope and heavy reporting obligations, and she asked the Board Attorney to keep the Board apprised of developments relating to this measure in the upcoming months.</p>	
OS-0920-04	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u> Board Action: The Board Chair, a licensed Nutritionist in D.C., began by thanking the Executive Director, Board Member Dr. Janet Unonu, and the Board staff for the warm welcome, and she invited the whole team to introduce themselves. She then discussed her work as Associate Director for Policy at "Let's Move" in the Office of the First Lady at the White House and her work as Public Policy Health Expert at the Centers for Disease Control, and said that she looks forward to working on behalf of the citizens of the District of Columbia.</p>	
OS-0920-05	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u> Board Action: The Open Session Minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting were approved.</p>	
OS-0920-06	<p><u>SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND LICENSURE DEFINITIONS</u> Board Action: The Board agreed to discuss scope of practice and licensure levels at the next meeting along with a review of the last CEU audit and the credits required for renewal in neighboring states like Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware. Further, the Board agreed to discuss at the next meeting how to handle criminal background check issues in the review of licensure applications.</p>	