



Meeting Minutes



Meeting Title:	Mississippi Council of Advisors in Dietetics Meeting	
Meeting Location:	CC/PL Conference Room – 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211 via ZOOM	
Meeting Date:	October 8, 2021	
Time:	1:00 P.M.	
Called to Order:	1:08 PM by Ms. Yolanda Morrow, quorum established	
Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:	7 January 2022 1:00 P.M. CC/PL Conference Room / 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211 via ZOOM	
Meeting Adjourned	2:13 P.M.	
Attendees:	<u>Council Members Present</u> C. Rochelle Culp LaShaundra B. Bradford Heather White	<u>Council Members Absent</u> Qula Madkin Daniel M. Rowland
	<u>MSDH Staff Present</u> Festus Simkins Yolanda Morrow Felicia Wang	
	<u>Attending Via Phone Conference</u>	
	<u>Members of the Public Present</u> Roxanne Kingston	



Meeting Minutes



	New Business	NOTES
1.	Approval of January 20, 2021, minutes	A motion was made by Ms. White and seconded by Ms. Bradford to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021, meeting. The motion passed.
2.	Election of chairperson	The members of the Advisory Council elect Ms. Rochelle Thompson as the chairperson.
3.	Reappointment and Nominations	Ms. Morrow informed the Council that she has received nominations for the clinical dietetics' member and the dietetics education member. She asked Ms. Bradford if she was willing to serve another term. Ms. Bradford stated that she would serve another term only if the Academy could not find a replacement. Ms. Kingston stated she would work on finding a replacement. Ms. Morrow also informed the Council that Dr. Rowland's term is set to expire on December 31, 2021, and that she would reach out to him concerning his interest to serve another term. Ms. Culp's term has expired, and she stated that she is willing to serve another term.
4.	Renewal update	Ms. Morrow informed the council that renewals of the status of this year's renewal. She reported 869 active regularly licensed dietitians, 152 closed licenses, and 21 active provisional licensees.
5.	Online Applications and Paperless Office	Ms. Morrow informed the Council that the Department is moving to online applications. The Department hopes that they will be in place by the end of the year. She also shared the Department's goal to have a paperless environment. All renewals, applications, verifications will be conducted online.

	Old Business	NOTES
1.	Proposed Regulation Change	Ms. Morrow shared the suggested change to the Regulation with the Council for discussion. The suggested language reads as follows: Any individual who provides individualized nutrition recommendations , nutrition information, guidance, encouragement, individualized nutrition recommendations , health coaching, holistic and wellness education, motivation, behavior change management, or non-medical weight control services, provided that the individual does not: (i) provide medical nutrition therapy as defined in Rule 3.1.3(11) or (ii) hold himself or herself out as a licensed dietitian or licensed nutritionist as prohibited under Rule 3.5.1. The Council members discussed the presented information and request more time to review and discuss with the Academy. Ms. Morrow and Mr. Simkins informed the Council that a response is needed relatively soon.



Meeting Minutes



	Old Business	NOTES
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

	Public Comments	NOTES
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Minutes Submitted by:

Page 3



Meeting Minutes



	Other Business	NOTES
1.	Complaints	Ms. Wang provided a report on the two complaints received. She informed the Council that she is awaiting documentation for the individual providing samples of what is provided to the client in complaint #1. Ms. Wang spoke with the owner of the business in complaint #2 and informed that the individual cannot be advertised as a dietitian without a license in the State of Mississippi even though she has national certification. She is awaiting a response from the individual in question.
2.	Telemedicine	Mr. Simkins informed the Council that the Department now has regulations for telemedicine. Organizations with individuals practicing telemedicine must register to do so.
3.	Position Recruitment	Mr. Simkins informed the Council of an upcoming position that he would like to have filled by a dietitian. The position required 3 years of management or supervisory experience and is with the Bureau of Child Care Licensure. He asked the members to share this information with interested associates and have them contact the Department for additional information.
4.		
5.		

Council Chairperson

Morrow, Yolanda

MSDH Representative

Date

Minutes Submitted by:

Page 4