

**Idaho State Board of Medicine
Dietetic Licensure Board
Board of Medicine Office and via Zoom
February 19, 2021 – 9:00 AM
Minutes**

Director Anne Lawler called the Dietetic Licensure Board (DT Board) to order at 9:03 a.m. via Zoom and at the Board of Medicine office. DT Board members in attendance were Katie Miner, LD, Troy; Suzanne Linja, LD, Garden City; Pamela Howland, Public Member, Boise; and Carol Fellows Kirkpatrick, PhD, LD, Pocatello.

Board staff in attendance included: Anne Lawler, Executive Director; Frutoso Gonzales, Medical Investigator; Deb Mitchell, Medical Investigator; Jason Weaver, Medical Investigator; Jodi Adcock, Licensing Specialist; and Irina Voyce, Management Assistant. Guests included Barbara Herbel, Consumer Protection Coordinator, Idaho Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

The DT Board acted to approve the First Amended Agenda (Miner/Unanimous).

Executive Director Lawler welcomed the new DT Board Members Pamela Howland and Carol Fellows Kirkpatrick. Each Board member provided a brief background statement:

Pamela Howland, the new Public Member on the DT Board, is a local employment attorney with Idaho Employment Lawyers and helps employers with compliance and defense issues. Pamela has a family member with type one diabetes, so she has history working with Licensed Dietitians in the state. The Board of Medicine (BOM) was impressed with her background and ties to the dietetic community.

Sue Linja has owned a private dietetic practice in Idaho and surrounding states for over 25 years. Sue has been on the DT Board since May 2019.

Carol Fellows Kirkpatrick is the Wellness Director at Idaho State University and Clinical Associate Professor for Health Sciences. Carol has been a dietitian for over 20 years.

Katie Miner is a professor at the University of Idaho teaching a variety of courses, including those related to food service.

Director Lawler introduced the BOM staff members including Medical Investigators Deb Mitchell, Jason Weaver, and Frutoso Gonzalez. The BOM is currently hiring/interviewing for a fourth investigator to replace Darlene Parrot who retired after 27 years in December.

Barbara Herbel, Consumer Protection Coordinator, Idaho Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics provided public comment on COVID-19 response and what is being done at the Academy level. The Idaho Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics will host their 2021 Annual Meeting virtually. Virtual meeting attendance has increased compared to in-person meetings. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics produced a [video on Dietetic Licensure](#) to share information, webinars are also available. March will be national nutrition month.

Medical Investigator Deb Michell reviewed the following cases for information only: 2019-DIE-9555, 2019-DIE-9554, and 2019-DIE-9481.

The DT Board acted to approve the Consent Agenda (Linja/Unanimous).

The Members appointed Sue Linja as Chair of the DT Board (Miner/Unanimous).

Director Lawler described how the Board of Medicine handles licensee DUIs based on the Board's policy that was created in 2017. When notified of a first DUI charge or conviction, the investigators determine whether the DUI is an uncomplicated DUI or complicated DUI per the policy. For an uncomplicated DUI, a Letter of Concern is sent to close the case with no action. The letter acts as a warning to the licensee and advises the licensee to enroll in the Physician Health Program with Southworth Associates. The letter is not published or sent to the National Practitioner Data Bank. For a felony DUI, the licensee may be ordered to Southworth Associates for an evaluation and two – five years of monitoring. There has been only been one DUI reported to the Board from a dietetic licensee within the past five years.

Director Lawler described COVID-19 protocols that were put in place this past year and actions taken in the office to protect staff. She explained that in March 2020, the BOM issued a proclamation waiving licensure requirements for MD, DO, PA, and RT's in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor's Office requested to keep the regulations waived, the Board pushed back on licensure requirements and it is currently going through the legislative process to reinstate those requirements for once the state of emergency is lifted by the Governor.

Director Lawler provided an update on the BOM transition into the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL). During the 2020 Legislative Session, the Legislature passed a bill combining all the self-governing licensing agencies/boards under one division. Staff will be moving to the State of Idaho Chinden Campus into building 4 at the end of 2021 or early 2022. All state licensing boards will be in the same location. DOPL is divided into three subsections, BOM is under the Health Professions Section.

Director Lawler updated the Members on office staffing. Former Associate Director, Angela Wickham resigned from the Board in August to work for the Department of Health and Welfare on COVID-19 response. Former Board Attorney, Shasta Kilminster-Hadley accepted a full-time professor position at University of Idaho College of Law.

Currently the Board has 15 staff members and is hiring for two more, a board attorney and medical investigator. The Associate Director position will not be filled at this time.

With the rapid increase in licensing applications this past few years, the Board was able to increase its number of licensing specialists from four to five.

Director Lawler provided a legislative update to the DT Board. The Dietetic Practice Act was updated in 2017, and the rules were updated in 2018. This year staff has been working on updating the Respiratory Therapy Practice Act. It passed unopposed in the Senate and goes to the House floor next week. The Legislature will approve rules at the end of the session. There is proposed legislation regarding Naturopathic Practitioners and a Physician Assistant supervision bill.

Director Lawler provided orientation training to the new Members.

The DT Board's next meeting will be on September 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Linja adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m. (Miner/Unanimous).

On the dates indicated, the following licenses to practice as dietitians in Idaho were issued:

D-1183	LISA CAY LAVERN, LD	03/21/2020
D-1182	PATTI JEAN GORHAM STURGESS, LD	03/25/2020
D-1184	CHRISTINA ANN PETERS, LD	04/09/2020
D-1185	RACHEL TAYLOR ROOD, LD	05/15/2020
D-1186	MIKAELA CHRISTIANI CARRILLO, LD	06/08/2020
D-1187	AARON ROBERT CALVANO, LD	06/15/2020
D-1188	CHELSEA MARIE BIGGS, LD	07/14/2020
D-1189	TERELYN COOPER ANDERSON, LD	07/15/2020
D-1190	SCOTT LLOYD GEYER, LD	07/17/2020
D-1191	MELISSA FONTENOT FRANCIK, LD	08/04/2020
D-1192	ANNA LEE GRINDELAND, LD	08/11/2020
D-1193	ALEXIS MARIE ENDICOTT, LD	08/25/2020
D-1194	MICHELLE MARIE STRAKOWSKI, LD	08/31/2020
D-1195	KAYLA LYNNE JOHNSON, LD	09/10/2020
D-1196	LEAH RAE HAAK BECK, LD	09/10/2020
D-1197	CASSANDRA CHRISTINE MASON, LD	09/18/2020
D-1198	BRITTANY LOUISE BUCHHOLZ, LD	10/05/2020
D-1199	JOYCE MARIE COLYER, LD	10/08/2020
D-1200	MICHELLE ANN MILLER, LD	10/08/2020
D-1201	KAYLA NICOLE LUTZ, LD	10/15/2020
D-1202	JOY ANNE BACHHUBER, LD	10/15/2020
D-1203	CATHERINE ANNE FARRELL, LD	10/15/2020
D-1204	HEATHER CHRISTINE MASON, LD	10/17/2020
D-1205	ERIN SCHINDLER LINDORFER, LD	10/30/2020
D-1206	ERIN LONGMORE, LD	11/02/2020
D-1207	ADAIR MARIE ANDERSON, LD	11/05/2020
D-1208	HAILIE KATE KUTTLER, LD	11/03/2020
D-1209	STEPHANIE NICOLE PUGH, LD	11/12/2020
D-1210	LAURA NOREEN KASHTAN, LD	11/16/2020
D-1211	KATHARINE ELIZABETH KRIEG, LD	11/18/2020
D-1212	ALEXANDRIA NICOLE PETERSON, LD	12/01/2020
D-1213	LILIAN C NWORDA, LD	12/02/2020
D-1214	NICHOLE RUTH CORTEZ, LD	12/14/2020
D-1215	GRACE ELLEN HONECKER, LD	12/15/2020
D-1216	TRACY ANN RYAN-BORCHERS, LD	12/16/2020
D-1217	AMY KATHLEEN JAMES, LD	01/07/2021
D-1218	GRACIE MICHELLE MCDERMOTT, LD	01/28/2021
D-1219	HEIDI KATHRYN MCMAHAN, LD	02/04/2021
D-1220	ASHLEY BITNER MILLER, LD	02/05/2021
D-1221	ABIGAIL MARTHA HARRIS MALLORY, LD	02/08/2021

The current license count was provided as follows:

License Type Description	Current
DIETITIAN	683
DIETITIAN - INACTIVE	1
PROVISIONAL LICENSE - GRADUATE DIETITIAN	0
Total	684
