



**DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
TO THE OHIO BOARD OF DIETETICS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012**

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## **I. HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION**

The five-member Ohio Board of Dietetics was created by Am. Sub. H.B, 570 of the 116<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and began operations July 1, 1987. The function of the Board is to regulate the profession of dietetics in the State of Ohio pursuant to Chapter 4759 of the Ohio Revised Code.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Mission – “The mission of the Ohio Board of Dietetics is to effectively protect the public by regulating the practice of dietetics through licensure, and by fairly and consistently enforcing the laws and rules governing nutritional practices.”

Vision – “The vision of the Ohio Board of Dietetics is to be recognized and respected as protecting the nutritional health of Ohio citizens by providing efficient and effective licensure of dietitians; enforcing applicable laws, rules and practice standards; and supporting professional ethics and competency in order to assure the provision of scientifically based nutritional practice.”

### SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Ohio has enacted a mandatory licensure law requiring everyone who practices dietetics as defined in the law to be licensed, unless specifically exempted. “The practice of dietetics” means any of the following, as specified in Section 4759.01 (A) of the Revised Code:

- 1) Nutritional assessment to determine nutritional needs and to recommend appropriate nutritional intake, including enteral and parenteral nutrition;
- 2) Nutritional counseling or education as components of preventative, curative and restorative health care;
- 3) Development, administration, evaluation, and consultation regarding nutritional care standards.

### BOARD MEMBERS AND MEETINGS

Board members are appointed by the Governor for five-year terms. The Board is comprised of three dietitians, one public member, and one dietetic educator who holds a doctoral degree. The Board usually holds six regular meetings per year, and holds sub-committee or other meetings as needed. Meetings are usually held in the Vern Riffe Center in Columbus and are open to the public. In FY 2012 the Board held five regular meetings, 6 case review committee meetings, 5 rules committee meetings, 5 Education committee meetings and 5 application review committee meetings. There were no Notices of Opportunity for Hearing issued. There were no Administrative hearings.

Board members are paid an hourly rate for the performance of official Board business. This rate is established by the General Assembly and currently is \$19.55 per hour. The Board member’s

initial appointment date determines the hourly rate. Additionally, all Board members are reimbursed at the state per diem rate for travel, and miscellaneous expenses. Board members may also purchase health, vision, and dental insurance as a benefit of their employment.

**Past Board Members:**

- Carol McGlaughlin, Cleveland – Dietitian Member\*\*
- Margaret Horvath, Youngstown – Dietitian Member
- Edith Lerner, Cleveland – Dietetic Educator Member
- Cheryl Boyce, Columbus – Public Member
- Anita Howe, Cincinnati – Dietitian Member
- Mable Hardeman Edwards, Columbus – Public Member
- Bradley Sinnott, Columbus – Public Member
- Susan Rudge, Oxford – Dietetic Educator Member
- Darlene Rogers, Youngstown – Public Member
- Anne Coble Voss, Columbus – Dietitian Member
- Alice Giffin, Wooster – Dietitian Member
- Tonda Hollenback, Bowling Green – Public Member
- James G. Behnke, Middletown – Dietitian Member
- Roberta S. Hurley, Columbus – Dietitian Educator Member
- Lori Mooney, Dublin - Dietitian Member\*\*
- Jonathan Hughes, Dublin – Public Member\*\*
- Lorna Fuller, Cleveland – Dietitian Member
- David Holben, Athens – Dietitian Educator Member
- Cynthia Blocksom, Cincinnati – Dietitian Member
- James Mermis, Columbus – Public Member
- Claire Adkins, Akron - Dietitian Member\*\*
- \*\*Members re-appointed after completion of first term.
- Vandadean Rogers, Dayton – Dietitian Member
- Kay Soltesz, Bowling Green - Dietitian Educator Member

**FY 2012 Board Members and Terms:**

Mary Frances Astrom, Athens – Dietitian Member	3/28/2008 – 6/30/2012
Marsha Dumm, Circleville - Dietitian Member	9/19/2008 - 6/30/2013
Leah Reibel, Worthington – Public Member	7/01/2009 – 6/30/2014
Dorothy Clarke, Dayton – Dietitian Member	7/01/2010 – 6/30/2015
Christopher Taylor – Educator Member	10/01/2011- 6/30/2016

**Ohio Dietetic Association Liaison:**

Patricia McKnight

**Staff:**

Administrative Staff includes: a Director (Executive Secretary), a Compliance Specialist (Administrative Assistant 3/ Investigator), and a Secretary. These are full-time equivalent positions. In addition, one intermittent clerical position assists with licensure renewal activities

(budgeted at 1,000 hr. / yr.). Hearing officers, court reporters and additional clerical services are contracted on a temporary basis as needed.

**FY 2012 Staff:**

Tamara Spencer – Secretary  
Donald Davis – Compliance Specialist  
Karen Dion – Executive Secretary /Director  
Emily Sheriff – Intermittent Clerk

Over 3,600 dietitian licenses were issued during FY 2012, which includes renewed licenses, initial licenses, Limited Permits, and licenses that were reactivated or reinstated. Licensees must meet minimum academic requirements, complete a pre-professional experience and pass a licensure examination. Continuing education is required for license renewal.

**II. FY 2012 HIGHLIGHTS**

**COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES & PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

It is the Board's general philosophy to educate and inform the public regarding the dietitian licensure law, which promotes compliance with the law.

**National activities:**

- 1) Ms. Dion completed the Specialized National Certified Investigator/Inspector Training (NCIT) sponsored by the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR). CLEAR provides a three-day training and certification program in advanced interviewing, advanced investigative analysis, and investigative report development. The training is based on lecture, open discussions and video presentations. The program provides the investigator with the tools to conduct a quality professional investigation and to develop reports supporting the investigation.
- 2) Mr. Davis attended, on behalf of the Board, the Food and Nutrition Conference and Exposition sponsored by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly the American Dietetic Association). This is held annually for dietitians and provides the latest nutrition science information and access to the top experts.

**Ohio Activities:**

- 1) The Board and staff continue to respond to the activities of unlicensed alternative practitioners related to the development of legislation that could remove much of the Board's authority, and would allow the unregulated practice of nutrition and dietetics by individuals who could practice without meeting any educational or pre-professional practice requirements. Since FY 2000, numerous versions of bills have been introduced by proponents who do not meet the requirements of the licensed professions in Ohio, and who appear to be seeking removal of the regulatory oversight of medicine, allied medicine specialties and nutrition practices.

The first priority of the board continues to be the health and safety of the citizens of Ohio by regulating the practice of dietetics. Therefore, it is anticipated that continued efforts and agency resources may be necessary to preserve the integrity of the dietetic practice act and the regulatory oversight of medical nutrition therapy practices.

- 2) The Board continues to work closely with the Boards and Commissions Management Group. The group addresses common issues and processes that impact the regulatory agencies, shares information that improves the individual agencies, and aids in communication with key government and legislative entities.
- 3) The Board collaborated with the Ohio Dietetic Association in sponsoring the 22st Annual Legislative Conference for dietetic practitioners on March 21, 2012 at the Vern Riffe Center. The conference was an excellent opportunity for the dietitians, and dietetic technicians to learn about nutrition related legislation and issues, and to network with legislators and legislative staff. Another program, “The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative and Public Policy Day” was held on October 4, 2011 for students and dietetic interns to expose them to the importance of politics, legislation, and the regulatory structure in their work as dietetic practitioners.

#### **Agency Activities:**

- 1) The Ohio Board of Dietetics implemented an on-line renewal process in May 2012. There were several communications sent to inform and prepare licensees for the new service. About 72% of licensees renewed their license on-line. The Board received, responded to and recorded 262 comments from licensees regarding the on-line renewal application. The vast majority of the licensees were satisfied with the on-line application. All constructive comments will be considered for future updates.
- 2) The OBD Communiqué was published twice in FY 2012 and updated licensees about the on-line licensure renewal process, Board member appointments, jurisprudence programs, enforcement statistics and recognizing the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ohio Board of Dietetics as of July 1, 2012. Since FY 2011, the OBD Communiqué is sent only via email and no printing or mailing costs were expended for this matter. The OBD Communiqué is also available on the website.
- 3) Staff continue to provide presentations on licensure, regulation, and enforcement to Ohio dietetic programs, dietetic technician programs, and to professionals working in the field. In FY 2012 staff spoke to 10 facilities throughout the state including undergraduate dietetic programs, dietetic internship programs, dietetic technician programs, clinical dietitians at various hospitals and food service management dietitians. Additional presentations were given at the ODA Legislative workshop, the ODA Legislation and Public Policy Day for students and interns. These presentations reached over 300 persons.

**III. LICENSURE / EXAMINATION ACTIVITY  
FISCAL YEAR 2012 LICENSURE ACTIVITY**

<b>LICENSES / PERMITS ISSUED</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>
Initial Licenses *	215	207
Reactivations	21	23
Renewals**	3,239	3866
Reinstatement of lapsed or disciplined licenses	21	25
Limited Permits ***	64	77
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,560</b>	<b>4,198</b>

\* Initial licenses include those that are pro-rated (issued within 100 days of expiration).

\*\* Renewals include those renewing during the late period for FY 11 and those renewing timely for FY12.

\*\*\* The Ohio Board of Dietetics accepts passing of the Registration Examination for dietitians that is sponsored by the Commission on Dietetics Registration (CDR) as one of the requirements for licensure in Ohio. Limited Permit licenses are issued to dietitians who have completed the education and practice requirements but have not yet passed the examination.

**IV. REVENUE / EXPENDITURES**

State professional licensing boards are required to be financially self-supporting from revenue generated through license fees. Licensure and renewal fees are deposited into the 4K9 rotary fund that was established for the professional boards and commissions

<b><u>Fee Types</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2012</u></b>
Initial License	\$ 125
Reactivation of Inactive license	\$ 125
Reinstatement of lapsed, revoked, or suspended license	\$ 180
License Renewal	\$ 95
Late fee (applies to renewal applications postmarked between 7/1- 8/15/11)	\$ 47.50
Duplicate license or permit	\$ 20
Limited Permit	\$ 65

**FY 2012 REVENUE**

	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>
License Application Fees	\$ 30,994.00	\$ 32,320.00
Renewal Fees	\$ 307,705.00	\$ 327,180.00
Late Fees	\$ 5,225.00	\$ 2,897.50
Limited Permit Fees	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 4,875.00
Miscellaneous (Public records , dup ID cards, etc.)	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00
<b>Total Revenue Posted *</b>	<b>\$ 348,384.00</b>	<b>\$ 367,372.50</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 293,022.73</b>	<b>\$ 302,353.40</b>
<b>Revenue minus expenses</b>	<b>+\$ 27,083.51</b>	<b>+\$ 65,019.10</b>

**FY 2012 EXPENDITURES**

	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>
<b>Budgeted Appropriations</b>	<b>\$311,067.00</b>	<b>\$ 355,789.00</b>
Personal Service (Cat. 500 & 510)	<b>\$233,955.84</b>	<b>\$ 252,265.00</b>
Supplies and Maintenance (Cat. 520)	<b>\$ 59,066.89</b>	<b>\$ 50,088.00</b>
Equipment (Cat. 530)	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Subsidies & Shared Rev. (Cat. 550)	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Prior Year Encumbrances	<b>\$ 17,689.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,496.03</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$293,022.73</b>	<b>\$ 302,353.40</b>

**V. ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY**

**COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED in FY 2012**

<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Cases to Start	17	14	14	13	5	2
New Cases	93	90	72 *	78	82	83
Total Cases	110	104	86	91	87	85
Cases Closed	96	90	73	86	85	79
Cases Pending	14	14	13	5	2	6

\*includes 7 LP expired cases counted as one case

79 (93%) of cases investigated were against those qualified for licensure  
6 (7%) of cases investigated were against those not qualified for a license

**SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIONS TAKEN OR INITIATED IN FY 2012**

<b>CITATIONS / NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>HEARINGS HELD</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CONSENT AGREEMENTS ENTERED</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>LICENSED WITH ADVISORY LETTERS</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>FINAL ADJUDICATION ORDER ISSUED</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CEASE AND DESIST LETTERS</b>	<b>3</b>

**CATEGORIES OF 85 INVESTIGATED CASES – FISCAL YEAR 2012**

**ALLEGATIONS REGARDING THOSE WHO MEET QUALIFICATIONS FOR  
LICENSURE - FY 2012**

UNLICENSED PRACTICE	4
UNLICENSED PRACTICE/FAILED TO RENEW	57LD/5LP
FAILURE TO MEET CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS	0
STANDARDS OF PRACTICE VIOLATION – COMPETENCY	0
STANDARDS OF PRACTICE VIOLATION – CONDUCT	2
FAILURE TO TAKE EXAMINATION IN A TIMELY MANNER	0
MORAL CHARACTER VIOLATION	11
FAILURE TO MEET LICENSURE QUALIFICATIONS	0
FELONY / MISDEMEANOR CONVICTION	0
<b>Total: 79/85 (93%)</b>	<b>79</b>

**ALLEGATIONS OF UNLICENSED PRACTICE OR NOT MEETING CRITERIA OF  
EXEMPTION BY THOSE WHO DO NOT MEET QUALIFICATIONS FOR  
LICENSURE - FY 2012**

SUPPLEMENT SALES	0
WELLNESS CENTERS	0
ALTERNATIVE	1
WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAMS	1
FITNESS / PERSONAL TRAINER	4
DIETETIC TECHNICIAN {EXEMPTION 4759.10(B)}	0
BS IN DIETETICS {EXEMPTION 4759.10(E)}	0
OTHER LICENSED PROFESSIONALS	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0
<b>Total: 6/85 (7%)</b>	<b>6</b>

**FISCAL YEAR 2012 ANNUAL ENFORCEMENT REPORT  
ACTIONS TAKEN OR INITIATED BY THE BOARD  
July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012**

**ADJUDICATION ORDER: None**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARINGS: None**

**CONSENT AGREEMENTS: None**

**CEASE AND DESIST LETTERS: 3**

**12OBD75- Troy, OH**

Cease and Desist letter mailed 2/13/12 for unlicensed practice of dietetics by a fitness professional. Ceased practice of dietetics.

**12OBD78- Cincinnati, OH**

Cease and Desist letter mailed 3/13/12 for unlicensed practice of dietetics by a fitness professional. Ceased practice of dietetics.

**12OBD79- Cincinnati, OH**

Cease and Desist letter mailed 4/16/12 for unlicensed practice of dietetics by a naturopath/fitness professional. Unable to locate. Certified mail returned and website taken down.

**ADVISORY LETTERS: 4**

**12OBD03 (LP)- Cincinnati, OH**

Limited Permit issued with advisory letter mailed 7/29/2011 for failing to be licensed to practice dietetics in the State of Ohio.

**12OBD65 (LP)- Youngstown, OH**

Limited Permit issued with advisory letter mailed 9/16/2011 for failing to be licensed to practice dietetics in the State of Ohio.

**12OBD66 (LP)- Columbiana, OH**

Limited Permit issued with advisory letter mailed 9/16/2011 for failing to be licensed to practice dietetics in the State of Ohio.

**12OBD74 (LD)- University Heights, OH**

Advisory letter mailed 4/12/2012 for inappropriate conduct during the practice of dietetics in the State of Ohio.

# OHIO BOARD OF DIETETICS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AS OF 6/30/2012

