

OHIO BOARD OF DIETETICS

OBD Elections 2014

Board Members

Effective January 1, 2014, Susan Finn, PhD, RD, LD, FADA, is the chairman of the board for calendar year 2014. We extend a big thank you to our previous chairman, Leah Reibel, who is our Public Member and will remain on the board until the expiration of her term which is June 30, 2014.

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Seeking Applicants for Public Member Position

The Board is seeking interested applicants for the Public Member position. Pursuant to 4759.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, the definition of the Public Member shall be as follows:

“..and one member shall be a member of the general public who is not and never has been a dietitian, is not a member of the immediate family of a dietitian, does not have a financial interest in the provision of goods or services to dietitians, and is not engaged in any activity related to the practice of dietetics.”

Interested applicants for the Public Member position should contact:

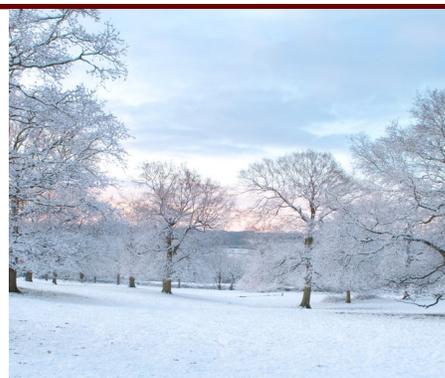
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Applications can be found at:

<http://www.governor.ohio.gov/Administration/BoardsandCommissions.aspx>

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Supervision of Exempt Practitioners

Please notify the board when you begin or cease supervising a dietetic technician, dietetic technician registered or a nutrition associate. The online renewal application does not automatically remove an exempt practitioner from your license. The board has to manually add or delete the exempt practitioners name to/from the dietitian's license. If supervision has ceased, unfortunately the system will not alert us of the change. The licensing system is in the process of being redesigned, as it is an old system. If you have any concerns or questions about who is or who is not on your

license, please contact the board office via phone or email at:

karen.dion@exchange.state.oh.us

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience.



Online Renewal Application

The board plans to continue with the online renewal application process for FY2014. The process will begin in May 2014. Due to the excessive requests for duplicate username and password letters to be mailed,

the board is seeking alternate methods for communicating this information. It is labor-intensive and costly to continually mail duplicate letters. As a reminder, if you wish to receive an application via the postal mail,

you must send a written request to the board and allow 10-14 days for processing. Phone requests for applications cannot be accepted.



Has Your Email Address Changed?

Updated email addresses are accepted via the boards email at:

karen.dion@exchange.state.oh.us

Please include your full name in the body or subject of the email. We thank you for your cooperation!



Reporting Violations of the Dietetic Practice Act

It is each individual's responsibility to report suspected violations of the dietetic laws and rules to the board. This will help ensure the public's safety. The complaint form is available on our website at:

www.dietetics.ohio.gov

Please call the board office if you have concerns or questions about a potential violation. Anonymous complaints are particularly difficult to pursue and we ask that you include your name so we can follow up if there are questions.



Human Trafficking Awareness

Human Trafficking Task Force: HumanTrafficking.Ohio.Gov

Information also available at: www.dietetics.ohio.gov



Background:

In March 2012, Gov. Kasich signed an [Executive Order](#) creating the Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, charging the group with marshaling state resources to put a stop to human trafficking. In its [recommendations](#) made to the governor, the Task Force cited a lack of public knowledge as the most significant barrier to combating human trafficking and determined that an education campaign would be critical to the effort.

Human trafficking – the illegal trade of human beings for commercial sexual exploitation and forced labor – is one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises worldwide. Each year an estimated 1,078 Ohio children become victims of human trafficking and 3,016 more are at-risk for exploitation.

Human Trafficking Statistics:

- More than 1,000 Ohio children are estimated to be trafficked every year in the sex trade, over 3,000 Ohio youth are at risk of becoming victims.
- Average age of victims is 13 years old.
- Toledo is the fourth largest recruitment site for minor sex trafficking in the country.
- Ohio is ranked 42nd for children's vulnerability to homelessness, which in turn contributes to a higher vulnerability to child sex trafficking.
- Runaway children are the most vulnerable for sex slavery, being approached by a trafficker or recruiter within 48 hours to a little over a week after running away.

State Launches Human Trafficking Public Awareness Campaign

In January 2014, Governor John R. Kasich launched the statewide Human Trafficking Public Awareness Campaign. The goal of the campaign is to educate the public about the crime of human trafficking and to promote the appropriate method for reporting human trafficking situations. Materials and messaging for Ohio's anti-human trafficking campaign, including ads, billboards, and posters, are available for free download to the public. Over 60 state agencies, boards, and commissions have committed to use these materials to help get the word out that trafficking happens in Ohio. All materials are available [here](#).

On [January 27th](#), a Cuyahoga county man entered a guilty plea to 13 felonies and two misdemeanors, with a sentence of 13 years in prison. The man admitted to felonies including multiple counts of human trafficking, promoting prostitution, rape, compelling prostitution, and one count of endangering children and having weapons under disability.

On [January 21st](#), a Columbus man pleaded guilty in federal court to sex-trafficking a minor and will serve 15 years in prison. The indictment against the man reports that he had a number of females working in an East Side apartment he used as a brothel.

In [mid-January](#), a Toledo man pled guilty to human trafficking and prostitution charges in Maryland. The man, who was previously convicted of interstate transportation of minors and for kidnapping related to prostitution, will be serving 12 years in prison.

In early [January](#), a Cuyahoga Falls man was arrested on state human trafficking charges for attempting to commit kidnapping and rape, and for possession of criminal tools. The man was caught trying to buy a 10-year-old girl for \$400 and now faces federal prosecution.

In early [January](#), a Dayton business owner pleaded guilty of labor trafficking and fraud in federal court. The man paid for crews of illegal immigrant workers from Mexico to be brought to the United States and then recouped the money by withholding the workers' earnings.

In late [November](#) 2013, an Ashland woman, who was charged with holding a cognitively disabled woman and her child against her will for more than two years, pled guilty to labor trafficking.

Toolkit for Serving Victims of Human Trafficking in Ohio

To learn more about Ohio's framework for responding to human trafficking, including state and federal laws, funding resources, and service standards, check out the [Toolkit for Serving Victims of Human Trafficking in Ohio](#). If you have any questions, please e-mail [Elizabeth Ranade-Janis](#).