



North Carolina Board of Dietetics/Nutrition

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October 20, 2015

Karen Cochrane-Brown
Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee
N.C. General Assembly
300 N. Salisbury Street, Suite 545
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Ms. Cochrane-Brown:

In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 93B-2(a) & (b), the North Carolina Board of Dietetics/Nutrition submits this Annual Report along with the attached Financial Report for the fiscal year 2014-2015. If you have any questions regarding either report or need further elaboration on the activities of the Board, please do not hesitate to contact the Board office at (919) 678-7609.

Annual Report for fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015:

(1) The address of the board, and the names of its members and officers:

ADDRESS:

North Carolina Board of Dietetics/Nutrition (NCBDN)
140 Preston Executive Drive, Suite 205-C
Cary, NC 27513

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Kathy Sodoma, RD, LDN	Professional Member, Management	Chair	July 2014 – June 2015
Christie Nicholson, MS, RD, LDN	Professional Member, Consulting	Vice Chair	July 2014 – June 2015
Cathleen E. Ostrowski, MS, RD, LDN	Professional Member, Education	Treasurer	July 2014 – June 2015
Diane Danchi, RD, LDN	Professional Member, Public Health	Secretary	July 2014 – June 2015
Shelia Garner Link, MS, RD, CDE, LDN	Professional Member, Clinical		July 2014 – June 2015
Phyllis Hilliard, MPH	Public Member		July 2014 – June 2015
Colonel Richard W. Holden, Sr.	Public Member		July 2014 – August 2014

(1a) The total number of licensees supervised by the Board:

- 2,577

(2) The number of persons who applied to the board for examination:

- 0

(3) The number of persons who were refused examination:

- 0

(4) The number who took the examination:

- 0

(5) The number to whom initial licenses were issued:

- 240

(5a) The number who failed examination:

- 0

(6) The number who applied for license by reciprocity or comity:

- 2

(7) The number who were granted licenses by reciprocity or comity:

- 0

(7a) The number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities.

- 6

(7b) The number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against non-licensees, including injunctive relief:

- The Board issued two consent orders. One of them resulted in the licensee's license being suspended for forty days, with the licensee on probation, and the forty day license suspension stayed for so long as the licensee complied with the consent order, G.S. Chapter 90, Article 25, and the Board's Administrative Rules. The other, resulted in the licensee's license being suspended for thirty-six months, with the licensee on probation, and the thirty-six month license suspension stayed for so long as the licensee complies with the consent order, G.S. Chapter 90, Article 25, and the Board's Administrative Rules.

- The Board turned over two complaints received against the same non-licensed person to a local District Attorney noting that the Respondent is currently on probation for actions involving past violation of the Dietetics/Nutrition Practice Act.
- One person withdrew her application for licensure in order to avoid discipline. This person was previously licensed by this Board, and the Board viewed the withdrawal in order to avoid discipline as voluntary surrender of her license.

(8) The number of licenses suspended or revoked:

- The Board issued two consent orders. One of them resulted in the licensee's license being suspended for forty days, with the licensee on probation, and the forty day license suspension stayed for so long as the licensee complied with the consent order, G.S. Chapter 90, Article 25, and the Board's Administrative Rules. The other, resulted in the licensee's license being suspended for thirty-six months, with the licensee on probation, and the thirty-six month license suspension stayed for so long as the licensee complies with the consent order, G.S. Chapter 90, Article 25, and the Board's Administrative Rules.
- One person withdrew her application for licensure in order to avoid discipline. This person was previously licensed by this Board, and the Board viewed the withdrawal in order to avoid discipline as voluntary surrender of her license.

(9) The number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay the required renewal fee:

- 0 (Zero)

(10) The substance of any anticipated request by the occupational licensing board to the General Assembly to amend statutes related to the occupational licensing board:

- House Bill 796, which would amend and modernize the NC Dietetics/Nutrition Practice Act, passed through the House this past 2015 session, but currently sits in the Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate. The NCBDN is fully supportive of this Bill, and is hopeful that it will be taken up in the Spring 2016 session.

(11) The substance of any anticipated change in rules adopted by the occupational licensing board or the substance of any anticipated adoption of new rules by the occupational licensing board:

Although no specific language has been devised, it is anticipated, that should HB 796 become law, many rules will need to be amended and/or new rules adopted in accordance with the revised legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Burill', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charla M. Burill
Executive Director/Secretary
North Carolina Board of Dietetics/Nutrition