



STATE OF MARYLAND

DHMH

Board of Dietetic Practice

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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Martin O'Malley, Governor – Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor – Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D., Secretary

September 30, 2014

The Honorable Martin O'Malley
Governor
The Jeffrey Building
16 Francis Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1781

Dear Governor O'Malley:

Enclosed is the Board of Dietetic Practice's FY 2014 Annual Report as required by Health Occupations §5-205(3). A copy has been sent to Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein, Secretary DHMH.

If you desire additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Board at (410) 764-4733.

Sincerely,

Melanie A Brooks, RD, LDN
Board Chairperson

Enclosure

**BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE
ANNUAL REPORT
July 2013 - June 2014**

The Maryland State Board of Dietetic Practice functions under the Maryland Dietitians and Licensed Nutritionists Act, Health Occupations Article, Title 5, Annotated Code of Maryland. The State Board of Dietetic Practice (the "Board") is the licensing authority of dietitians - nutritionists in the State of Maryland. The Board is mandated to regulate the practice of dietetics in Maryland by licensing qualified dietitians - nutritionists, establishing fees, maintaining a current roster of all licensees, promulgating regulations for the practice of dietetics, verification of credentials, issuance of licenses, establish requirements for and verification of completion of continuing education, investigation of complaints based on alleged violations of regulations and statutes, formal and informal disciplining of licensees, create committees as deemed appropriate to advise the Board, and submit an annual report to the Governor and Secretary. The program is 100% special funded exclusively from revenues generated by licensing fees. The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Seven members of the Board are licensed dietitians - nutritionists. Two members are consumers who represent the public.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Melanie Brooks, Board Chair	June 2017
Sandra Kick, Consumer, Vice-Board Chair	June 2014
Sharon Bunch, Consumer, Board Secretary	June 2017
Nancy Ferrone, RD, LDN	June 2016
Judith Feola Gordon, RD, LDN	June 2014
Ivis Forrester, Ph.D., RD, LDN	June 2016
Margo Gladding, CNS, LDN	June 2014
Lauren Mirkin, CNS, LDN	June 2017
Concepcion Placiente, RD, LDN	June 2016

*Elections were held on September 18, 2013

STAFF:

Marie Savage, Board Administrator
Lenelle Cooper, Administrative Specialist
Ari Elbaum, AAG, Board Counsel

The Board's staff is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Board and the coordination of administrative activities with other government agencies. In addition to a part-time Administrator and a full-time licensing Coordinator, the Board shares its legal and investigative staff with the other Health Occupation Boards under the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

BOARD MEETINGS:

The Board conducts public meetings on the third Thursday of the month throughout the year. The dates, times, and place of meetings are published in the Maryland Register.

MISSION:

The Mission of the Board of Dietetic Practice is to protect the citizens of Maryland and to promote quality health care in the field of dietetics by licensing and certifying dietitians - nutritionists, setting standards for the practice of dietetics through regulations and legislation, and receiving and resolving complaints from the public regarding Licensed Dietitians-Nutritionists.

REVENUE REPORT: -- Special Fund

<u>Category of fees</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
Application Fee	\$75	\$12,150.00
License Fee	225	35,775.00
Renewal Fee	250	169,214.00
License Verification	50	4,225.00
Inactive Status	75	2,850.00
Reactivation	150	1,200.00
Reinstatement	300	2,000.00
Miscellaneous		47,125.57
Total Revenue		<u>\$274,939.57</u>

EXPENDITURE REPORT:

Personnel	\$168,542.23
Operating	15,663.72
Indirect	6,658.00
Attorney General	6,218.00
Rent	12,338.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$209,419.95</u>

NUMBER OF LICENSES:

June 30, 2013 1,687

REGULATIONS: There were no regulations that affected the Board during FY14

LEGISLATION: Senate Bill 379 – State Acupuncture Board and State Board of Dietetic Practice – Action and Penalties for Violations of Practice Acts and Supervisory Authority of Acupuncturists, Chapter 160 (2014) was signed by Governor Martin O'Malley on April 14, 2014. The legislation authorizes the Board to issue Cease and Desist Orders, obtain injunctive relief, and collect civil penalties for the unauthorized practice of dietetics in Maryland. The legislation is effective October 1, 2014.