

## **Update on recent Dietetic licensure meetings:**

At the December 15, 2017 meeting of the licensure board, a rules committee was established to look at:

1. Licensure requirements that need updating
2. The Practice Chapter to better inform the licensees and the public
3. Consultation because the current definition does not state a specific timeframe
4. Interstate compact to allow one license for multi-state practice.

At the rules committee attended by Lyndi (in Pat's absence) on March 8, 2018 the following was discussed concerning these 4 rules.

1. Licensure requirements: There is redundancy in the current practice. There is really no need for transcripts to be sent to the board.
2. Practice Chapter: Nebraska has added information on telehealth in the practice chapter.
3. The code cannot be changed regarding consultation. No change can be made at this time.
4. Compact definition: a single/national professional board, all with the same licensure rules. Based on current conditions, there is nothing the committee can do. This cannot be done by rules. It must be passed by the Iowa legislature.

The board would like additional information on telehealth. They are requesting information from IAND and will look at what other states are doing for telehealth. If telehealth is important enough, the board will consider scheduling a meeting before the planned June meeting. Telehealth could be added as a new section at the end of licensure. It does not need to be a new chapter. Pat Hildebrand suggests that if members believe this should be included as a new section, she would like someone from IAND who is using telehealth to attend the subcommittee meeting with her to discuss how telehealth can contribute to improving the health of Iowan's and increase the reach of RDN's and their practice. Lori Winborn submitted information in the March IAND newsletter asking for RDN's using telehealth to reach out by asking them to answer the following questions, "Are you using telehealth? How does this benefit your practice? How do you think it would benefit your practice if you could use and bill for telehealth?" etc. The licensure board will meet again in June and another subcommittee meeting will probably be scheduled before that time. Information to be discussed at that meeting will be gathered to share with the board at the next subcommittee meeting.

Thank you,

Pat Hildebrand