

Annual Report 2012-13

Chairperson's Message

In Newfoundland and Labrador, Registered Dietitians are regulated by The Newfoundland and Labrador College of Dietitians (NLCD). The College is incorporated under the *Dietitians Act* (2005) by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. NLCD is dedicated to the public receiving ethical, competent care from highly qualified food and nutrition professionals. NLCD regulates the practice of 173 registrants who are entitled to call themselves, Registered Dietitians and to use the professional designation 'R.D.'.

- The 2012-13 Board members are:
 - Marjorie Scott – Chair (Acting)
 - Vacant- vice-chair
 - Valerie Barter – representative Eastern District and treasurer
 - Olivia Roebottom – representative Central District and secretary
 - Danielle Shea – representative Western/Labrador-Grenfell District
 - Dr. H Khalili- public member
 - Vacant- public member
 - Cynthia Whalen – Registrar & Executive Coordinator

Accomplishments: 2012-13

The following is a summary of activities during the 2012-13 year:

- Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice (PDEP) whose stakeholders include the Alliance Canadian Dietetic Regulatory Bodies, Dietitians of Canada and dietetic educators from academic and practicum programs from across Canada have released "The Integrated Competencies for Dietetic Education and Practice" (ICDEP) document. The purpose of this document is to outline the entry to practice standard for registered dietitians in Canada to ensure safe and ethical entry to practice. Education and practicum programs will incorporate these standards into programs in Fall 2013. More detailed information on this document and work can be viewed on the PDEP website. The link is www.pdep.ca
- NLCD Code of Ethics for Registered Dietitians was released in November 2012. The Code of Ethics outlines dietitian's ethical responsibilities and it informs other health professions and the public about the ethical commitments of dietitians. This document can be viewed in its entirety on the NLCD website under resources. The link to website is www.nlcd.ca

- Ongoing partnership with Dietitians of Canada and Department of Health and Community Services to advocate for the reinstatement of Memorial University's Dietetics Program (three years at MUN and one year at Acadia). NLCD is still participating on the *Dietitian Education and Training Steering Committee* that has been formed and work is ongoing in this area.
- Attended meetings of the Health Professional Regulatory Network whose purpose is to allow registrars of Newfoundland and Labrador professional colleges and associations to meet regularly to discuss issues of mutual concern. Attended education session in December 2012 with this group called ``Because it is not always clear: The Allegation Review Process''

Issues and Challenges

- Memorial University has MOU with Acadia University until 2015 that currently provides a Dietetics Undergraduate program including two years at MUN and two years at Acadia University (students will graduate from Acadia). The Board is concerned how this will affect the recruitment and retention of Registered Dietitians in this province. Board members have been involved in meetings and consultations with government, regional health authorities and other concerned stakeholders. In April the Dietetic Education & Training Steering Committee decided to form a working group to complete an economic analysis and develop a proposal to move this initiative forward.
- Recruiting of new board members and volunteers for sub-committees continues to be challenging.
- NLCD's second Public Appointed Director is still not in place.

Highlights

- NLCD Code of Ethics for Registered Dietitians released November 2012.
- The Integrated Competencies for Dietetic Education and Practice (ICDEP) document released April 2013. These new standards to be implemented into all education and practicum programs by Fall 2013.
- All registrants kept up to date with information from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC). NLCD plans to develop policies for those RD who work in private practice.

- NLCD working with Department of Health on developing Regulations. It is estimated that these should be completed by end of year.
- In the process of seeking nominations for a new Vice Chair.

Next Steps

- Welcome a second Appointed Director who represents the public and Vice Chair to the Board of NLCD;
- Continue to work on Regulations so they are finalized by end of year.
- Continue to communicate growth and development of the College to its registrants;
- As a member of the Alliance of Canadian Dietetic Regulatory Bodies, this group to develop a Standards of Practice that will be universal to each province for dietetic practice.

REGISTRATION REPORT

Total Active Registrants 173

Of this number, there were:

New Registrants 11

Resignations/non-renewing ... 6

Temporary 1

In the Newfoundland and Labrador College of Dietitians, there were 173 Active Registrants and 1 Temporary Registrant as of March 31, 2013.

By gender, of the total 173 active registrants, there were 1 male and 172 females registered.

By area of primary practice:

undeclared	18
administration	23
admin/clinical combined	3
business/industry	1
clinical	81
community health	24
consultant	10
education	3
other	10
research	0
total	173

By area of secondary practice:

administration	2
admin/clinical combined	0
business/industry	1
clinical	6
community health	4
consultant	2
education	1
other	5
research	0
total	21

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Whalen, M.S.c, R.D.
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Continuing Competence Information

Currently NLCD has a voluntary continuing competence program. 115 registrants submitted points in the 2012-13 fiscal year. Note that points were for the 2011 calendar year.

Disciplinary Complaints

NLCD received no complaints in 2012-13.

Submitted by



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