

Delegate Update: Outcomes of the Fall 2015 HOD Meeting - November 12, 2015

The House of Delegates (HOD) conducted a mega issue dialogue on malnutrition as well as a follow up dialogue on the Academy's sponsorship program on October 2-3, 2015. Nearly 130 delegates, Board of Directors members, content experts, and student scribes convened in Nashville, TN, to discuss these topics. During the dialogue on malnutrition, delegates were provided a demonstration of a nutrition- focused physical exam. The nutrition-focused physical exam can be used to assist in the diagnosis and characterization of malnutrition in patients (See b. in Motion #1). There was also lively dialogue regarding the Sponsorship Advisory Task Force (SATF) report. Delegates were tasked to provide final feedback for the SATF to consider as they complete their report for the Board of Directors.

As a result of the two days of dialogue, two motions were passed by the HOD. The following activities have been requested:

HOD Motion #1: The House of Delegates requests:

- a. RDNs identify and manage malnutrition in accordance with their scope and standards of practice including use of nutrition focused physical exams as one tool for nutrition assessments;
- b. The Academy's Research, International and Scientific Affairs Team and Lifelong Learning and Professional Engagement Team identify gaps and facilitate development of resources needed to educate members on the management of malnutrition including nutrition-focused physical exams;
- c. The Academy's Lifelong Learning and Professional Engagement Team and Research, International and Scientific Affairs Team market and disseminate currently available resources to educate members on management of malnutrition;
- d. Dietetic practice groups and affiliates are encouraged to identify and promote opportunities to assist RDNs and NDTRs in developing skills and knowledge related to malnutrition management;
- e. NDEP and ACEND encourage educators to identify and/or develop malnutrition management education opportunities for students;
- f. The Center for Professional Development assess the viability of a certificate program for hands-on nutrition focused physical exam training;
- g. The Academy's Nutrition Services Coverage Team

collaborate with A.S.P.E.N. about continuing discussions with the National Center for Health Statistics ICD Coordinating Committee for incorporation of the malnutrition nomenclature into ICD;

- h. The Academy's Research, International and Scientific Affairs Team, Lifelong Learning and Professional Engagement Team, NDEP, ACEND and the Academy's Nutrition Services Coverage Team present information on progress made on malnutrition related activities as part of the bi-annual report to the HOD. This information should be reported for at least the next two years by the organizational units.

HOD Motion #2: The House of Delegates requests the Sponsorship Advisory Task Force (SATF) to utilize the HOD's feedback from the Fall 2015 HOD Workbooks, as well as documents provided to delegates (i.e., impact reports, Sponsor Summit Report) to finalize their report to the Board of Directors (BOD). The HOD requests that the BOD considers the HOD's feedback as they prepare to take action on the SATF's final report. The final SATF report will be distributed to the HOD after action is taken by the BOD.

In addition, the HOD approved three (3) motions for Academy bylaws amendments on the following:

1. Nominating Committee Composition
2. CDR Mission Statement
3. CDR Board Composition

Many updates were provided to HOD meeting attendees including presentations from: Evelyn Crayton (Academy President), Kay Wolf (Academy Treasurer), Jean Ragalie-Carr (Academy Foundation Chair), Denise Andersen (Academy Political Action Committee), and Deanne Brandstetter (Nominating Committee).

All materials pertaining to the Fall, 2015 HOD Meeting can be found on the Academy website at www.eatrightpro.org/resources/leadership/house-of-delegates/about-hod-meetings >Fall 2015 Meeting Materials.

Please contact your HOD Delegate, Mara Vitolins mvitolin@wakehealth.edu, if you have questions or comments or if you would like assistance in proposing a mega issue.