2008-2009 was the advent of the transformation of DPG #31! After being discussed for years, a name change was proposed and accepted by the membership. As of June 1, 2009, the group will be known as Dietetics in Health Care Communities (DHCC). Why was this deemed necessary? Following the last member survey, it was even more evident that our name no longer adequately reflected who we are or what we do. There were two overriding considerations:

1. **Consultant Dietitians** – our membership consists of consultant dietitians and employee dietitians. We also have many members that are Dietetic Technicians, Registered, (DTRs).
2. **Health Care Facilities** – today the people we serve live in a myriad of residences; Continuous Care Retirement Communities (CCRC), assisted living facilities, skilled nursing homes, residential group homes, private homes, correctional institutions and so forth.

Along with this name change, the Executive Committee (EC) also recognized the need to review governance including the structure, the Guiding Principles and Policy and Procedures. The 2008-2009 Executive Committee (EC) reviewed these documents and developed a plan. The organizational chart has been redesigned in order to streamline the operations of the DPG; the number of elected officials was decreased from 16 to 9.

New coordinator positions have been created and replace the Area Coordinators. The current Area Coordinators, who were elected to their positions, have been appointed to these new coordinator positions and, as their terms end, new coordinators will be appointed.
Looking to the future, we see DHCC moving forward to continue to meet the ever-changing needs of our members, the profession and those we serve. Last year we focused on using technology to keep our membership on the cutting edge of practice; those efforts will continue! Our member services are listed below and are well worth the cost of membership!

### MEMBER SERVICES

**The Quarterly Newsletter – now known as Connections:** The quarterly publication of the DPG with free CPE opportunities available for members in every issue. Starting with the Fall 2008 issue, the CPE quiz and certificate became available online. This made it easier for our members, and was a cost savings for all with the reduction in printed materials, postage, etc. There have been a few challenges and a learning curve, but members have reported that they like the change.

**UPDATE!**: Mini newsletters published up to 4 times per year, which focus on current hot topics of interest to our members.

Past issues of the Consultant Dietitian and UPDATE! are posted on the DHCC Web site www.dhccdpg.org.

### Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo (FNCE) Activities: 2009

Pre-FNCE: “Mountains of Hot Topics”
- “The Science Behind Cranberries and Synbiotics for UTI and C.diff. Prevention in Older Adults,” Jennifer Sallit (MNI)
- “Inspiring Excellence: New International Guidelines for Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Treatment plus EAL Unintentional Weight Loss Guidelines”, by Mary Ellen Posthauer
- “Serving Up a First Rate Dining Experience”, by Shellee Roloff (Direct Supply)
- “F325 & F371: Where Are We Now?”, by Mellissa Greenfield Temkins (AHCA)

FNCE Priority Session: “Setting the Stage for Long Term Care Indirect Calorimetry” by Susan Palmer and Julie Peterson, October 19, 8:00 am

Displayed and sold products at the Exhibit Floor Booth and Product Market Place.

Hosted the Corrections, Home Care and California Subunit Networking Meetings

Hosted the Annual Member Reception

Participated in the DPG/MIG Showcase

### Networking Groups:

Represented ADA on Advisory Committees with:
- Professional & Technical Committee for Joint Commission
- National Commission on Correctional Health Care
- National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel
- Long Term Care Professional Leadership Council LTCPLC

Maintained networking relationships with:
- American Association of Diabetic Educators - Home Health Specialty
- American College of Health Care Administrators
• Association of Correctional Food Service Affiliates
• American Health Care Association
• American Medical Directors Association
• Dietary Managers Association
• National Association of Home Care
• National Citizens Coalition for Nursing Home Reform

Continued professional associations with:
• American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging

DHCC is forging new relationships with the Pioneer Network and the Long Term Care Quality Alliance. Linda Roberts, MS, RD, LDN, DHCC Past Chair was a presenter at the Pioneer Network Annual Convention in August.

Carol Elliott, DHCC Chair, attended ADA’s Leadership Institute in Dallas, TX, June 2009.

Revised and updated Orientation materials for new Executive Committee Members and oriented the new EC via webinar.

Web site:
The Web site continues to grow and change. Adding the CPEU exams and certificates has been amazing!

Member Market Site enables members to advertise products that they have developed.

Registration for webinars, seminars, etc., has been a great addition. Online purchasing has made attending easier for our members.

Scholarships, Awards and Nominations:
Circle Award – RD411

Nominated the following DHCC members for ADA Awards for their outstanding leadership achievements and contributions to the profession and practice of dietetics!

Marjorie Hulsizer Copher Award: Jane V. White, PhD, RD, LDN, FADA (TN)

Medallion Awards:
Marianne Smith Edge, MS, RD, LD, FADA (KY)
Kathleen C. Niedert, PhD, MBA, RD, CSG, LD, FADA (IA)

Excellence in Dietetic Technology
Ann M. Partlow, DTR (OH)

Reminder: DHCC has a variety of scholarships for members. We need you to APPLY!

Gaynold Jensen Educational Stipend – Awards stipends for educational programs.

Best Practice Award – Submit your best practice to the Awards Committee for review. If selected, your submission will be published in Connections.

Details at www.dhccdpg.org; WATCH for future opportunities.

The DHCC Executive Committee would like to thank the attendees for their support during all PreFNCE & FNCE events. If you have any comments, ideas or concerns, we would like to hear from you.

DHCC would like to “Thank you” for your past loyalty and future support. You are the most important part of DHCC. Without our members there would be no DHCC.

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# Dietetics in Health Care Communities (DHCC)

**BALANCE SHEET**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2009**

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**Total Fixed Assets** $949

Less Accumulated Depreciation $0

**Net Fixed Assets** $949

**Total Assets** $355,924

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**Total Accrued Liabilities** $0

| Membership Dues | $107,199 |
| Registration Fees | $0 |
| Other | $0 |

**Total Deferred Revenue** $107,199

**Total Liabilities** $107,199

**Net Assets** $248,725

**Total Net Assets** $248,725

**Total Liabilities & Net Assets** $355,924

Note: DHCC displayed proactive leadership with commitment to quality, service, teamwork and excellence. At the 2008 FNCE Executive Committee (EC) meeting, a large percentage of the agenda included strategic planning and financial review of our 2008-2009 Program of Work. Understanding the current economic instability in the United States, Linda Roberts, DHCC Chair charged each of us that “when making a decision, ask yourself-Is this a good use of member money?” The EC focused on identifying alternative methods for delivering such programs and services to increase our efficiencies and reduce costs where ever possible. Each DHCC Program of Work for 2008-2009 was reviewed with the intent to:

- Identify programs that were necessary to support DHCC Core Purposes and Strategic Plan
- Develop and prioritize programs to “put on hold” if reductions were requested.
• Identify alternative methods of increasing revenues and decreasing expenses.

This proactive management resulted in keeping DHCC expenses well below the approved budget while allowing DHCC to support projects/programs that our members expressed were important. Kudos to Linda Roberts, RD, LD, Chair and the Executive Committee for their proactive planning.

**2009 Student Incentive Challenge**

DHCC has again participated in the FNCE Student Incentive Challenge, which provides a $100 stipend to students to offset expenses for FNCE in Denver. DHCC has provided stipends for seven students.

**2009-2010 DHCC Awards**

**Distinguished Members**
Paige Lubritz, RD, LD (TX)
Bridget Doyle PhD MPH, RD, CSG, LD (MN)

**Circle Award**
RD411.com

**Board Scholarship:** Natalya A. Leverkova

**ADA Awards**
**Marjorie Hulsizer Copher Award:** Jane V. White, PhD, RD, LDN, FADA (TN)

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**Special congratulations to the following DHCC members for their 50 years of membership in ADA**

Joan B. Belk, Joplin MO
Marilyn M. Brenner, Port Townsend WA
Betty J. Burnett (McCarty), Brandon MS
Beverly N. Crabbs, Eagle ID
Elizabeth G. Harte, San Diego CA
Janice B. Hickson, Laguna Niguel CA
Iva-Mary Hopkins, Blacksburg VA
Martha B. Irwin (Burks), Wilmington NC
Anne H. O’Brien (Hogan), Hamden CT
Elizabeth S. Pellegrino, Braintree MA
Carmen C. Ulgen, Baltimore MD
Elaine F. Winer, Foxboro MA
1. **7:15 am Call to order** by Linda Roberts, MS, RD, LDN, Chair of CD-HCF. 
   The motion to accept minutes for the 2007 Annual CD-HCF business meeting by Marilyn Ferguson Wolf; and seconded by Kathleen Pintell; carried.

2. **Overview of FNCE : Linda Roberts, Chair**
   - Linda discussed the rationale for the name change: we are no longer all consultants; and we must consider all the people we serve. Because the majority of members wanted a name change, we are moving ahead with this project. The board has worked hard this week to determine two potential new names. Please watch for a notice on the name change and please vote!
   - Linda explained the focus of the board is: How do we utilize money for the most benefit for members? Resources used for a webinar with more webinar’s planned; have updated website; and there is a new look for the newsletter. What do the members of CD-HCF want? Let us know!
   - The size and structure of the board was evaluated and compared with other DPG’s structure. Potential changes have been identified and the board worked very hard to agree upon a proposal to take to ADA. The goal is to move ahead quickly with this project.

3. **Treasurer’s Report: Brenda Richardson, Treasurer**
   - Brenda discussed the memo from ADA’s Ron Moen regarding the economic concerns. Although the DPG’s reserves are at an acceptable level, the board must protect the long term interest of the DPG. The current budget was reviewed with the motto: “When making a decision, consider if this is good use of member money? What core programs can we put on hold for the year?
   - Brenda explained how we had to spend down our reserves last year; that $20,000 was cut out of the budget; and that the board has a fiscal management focus.
   - Page 4 is the treasurer’s report for all to review. 
     Bonnie Gunckel motion to accept the treasurer’s report; Second by Gretchen Robinson; motion carried.

4. **Award/Scholarship Recipients:** Lynda Gluch, chair of scholarship committee and Linda Roberts, chair of CD-HCF, presented awards. A complete description of each award winner is included in the Business meeting report.
   - **Circle award** was presented to Medical Nutrition USA, Inc for their evidence based products and for supporting CD-HCF both nationally and at the state level. Arnold Gans accepted the award.
   - **Diamond Sponsor** for the CD-HCF breakfast is US Foodservices. Don Tapper, representing the company, discussed the many tools available from their company to assist professionals. He also announced the three winners of the US Foodservice Outstanding Dietitian Award. This is the 7th year the company has been offering these awards.
   - **Abbott Leadership Award**: Elise Smith, MA, RD, LD was in attendance and able to accept the award.
   - **Up & Coming Member of the Year award**: Sharon Clark, MS, RD, who was not able to attend.
   - **Distinguished Member Awards**:
     - **Area 1**: Pat Dahlstrom, RD, who was in attendance and accepted the award.
     - **Area 2**: Ruth Rauscher, MA, RD, CSG, LMNT, who was in attendance and accepted the award.
     - **Area 3**: Janet McKee, MS, RD, CSG, LD/N, who was not able to attend.
     - **Area 4**: Nikita G. Wray, RD, who was not able to attend.
     - **Area 5**: Sharon Zwick-Hamilton, MS, RD, CSG, LD, CDE, who was in attendance and accepted the award.
     - **Area 6**: Marcy Etherson, MBA, RD, LDN, who was not able to attend
     - **Area 7**: Helen Long, RD, LDN, who was not able to attend.
   - **Chair Scholarship** (Sponsored by Medical Nutrition USA, Inc) Carol Jean Hill, RD, LDN, who was in attendance and accepted the award.

5. **Recognition of Past Board Members of CD-HCF**

6. **Recognition of 50 year Members of CD-HCF**

7. **Report to Membership: motion to accept by Cindy Thomas and second by Bridget Doyle; carried**

8. **Adjournment at 7:50 am**
PAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DHCC would like to recognize the following Past Executive Committee Members and thank them for their volunteer hours. Without volunteers like these, DHCC would not have produced the quality programs and products that benefit all of our members.

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