

2020 – 2021 Annual Report

Dietetics in Health Care Communities Dietetic Practice Group had a busy year! The 2020-2021 Executive Committee worked to serve our members as we continued to review and refine much of the organization's structure, improving efficiencies and effectiveness for member services. While it certainly was an unusual year, staying (remotely) connected to members and member leaders was important to our success.

DHCC members work in Post-Acute and Long-Term Care settings (PALTC) including skilled nursing, residential/assisted living, home care, hospice, corrections, and many other venues. As we continue to work in many arenas and serve seniors, we face many opportunities to improve the lives of those we serve. DHCC is committed to provide timely information to help each member be the best they can be in their service to those we provide care to each day.

The Executive Committee has worked diligently, with the support of An Apple a Day, LLC (Barb Pyper, Jan Oliver and Cara Nichols) and her team to support the efforts. Our Academy DPG Relations Manager, Susan DuPraw, provided valued guidance, insight and support as our liaison to the Academy.

Highlights from our year:

- **Monthly E-update and News to Use:** electronic communication resource implemented this past year, sent the first week of each month.
- **Collaboration with other DPG's** to share webinars and newsletter articles.
- **DHCC Webinars** were well received. In addition to regularly scheduled webinars, DHCC recognized the critical importance of relevant COVID-19 information and continued the COVID-19 series.
- **The Spotlight Session at FNCE® 2020**, "Risky Food Behind Bars: A Public Health Burden." The session, presented by Amanda Moreland and Hilary Whitham (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and moderated by Mitchel Holliday, EdD, RDN, FAND (DHCC's Corrections Subunit Chair) was well received.
- **Continued strengthening of the Dietetic Technicians DPG subunit.**
- **Revision of the DHCC Inservice Manual.** DHCC tackled the revision of the 2015 Inservice Manual. Anticipated release is July 2021. Twenty-seven, 20-minute lessons will be available.
- **Revision of the Nutrition Care of the Older Adult book.** DHCC and Healthy Aging DPG will collaborate on the next revision of the book. Solicitation for co-editors occurred late Spring 2021.

DHCC activities during the 2020 Virtual Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo™ (FNCE®):

In addition to the Spotlight Session, DHCC worked to connect with members:

- Participated in the Academy’s DPG/MIG Showcase
- Supported five students to attend FNCE® through Academy Foundation financial stipends

Professional Development:

DHCC members easily accessed and completed self-study CPEU opportunities, as well as participated in “live” webinars.

Webinar	Self-Study	“Live”	
	Total 2020-2021	Registered	Attended
June 2020 (common citations)	36	470	241
June 2020 (COVID-19 session 1)	43	124	95
June 2020 (COVID-19 session 2)	23	114	76
September 2020 (neutraceuticals)	20	166	106
October 2020 (microbiome – HA DPG)	17	222	115
December 2020 (protein)	21	HA DPG webinar	
January 2021 (survey process)	36	429	272
March 2021 (canned beans)	5	FCP DPG webinar	
April 2021 (senior care programs)	6	290	170

DHCC also offered a CPEU opportunity in each newsletter. Statistics to date:

Issue/topic	Total taken	Total passed
Winter 2021 (wound healing)	101	76
Fall 2020 (end of life nutrition)	178	131
Spring/Summer 2020 (hydration)	196	148
Winter 2020 (weight management)	171	147
Summer 2019 (Tocotrienol/bone health)	115	109
Spring 2019 (Parenteral N)	157	135
Winter 2019 (Farmers Markets)	134	90
Fall 2018 (Handgrip)	195	158
Summer 2018 (CMS)	121	69
Spring 2018 (Lutein)	191	142

DHCC Awards and Honors:

DHCC was pleased to celebrate the following DHCC members receiving Academy honors and awards during FNCE® 2020:

- Esther F. Myers, PhD, RDN, FAND – Marjorie Hulsizer Copher Award
- Joyce Ann Gilbert, PhD, RDN – Medallion Award
- Kendra K. Kattelman, PhD, RDN, LN, FAND – Medallion Award
- Terese M. Scollard, MBA, RDN, LD, FAND – Excellence in Management Practice Award

DHCC 50-Year Members:

We send special congratulations to our 2020 – 2021 50-year members:

Salma Alikhan, RD	Barbara King, LD
Mana Brown, RD	Janette Kochis, RDN, LD
Nancy Chopchitz, RD, LDN	Guylene Maurer
Ann Ditzler, MBA, MS, RD, LD	Lucy McProud, PhD, RD
Gail Frank, DRPH, RD, CHES	Masha Piacun, MBA, RD
Charlette Gallagher-Allred, PhD, LDN	Karen Ritchie, MS, RD
Grace Gehlhausen, MA, RD, LDN	Margaret Russell, RD
Carol Gilmore, MS, RD, LD, FADA, FAND	Sharon Stewart, PhD, RD

Financial Performance:

DHCC had a strong financial performance this year. With a healthy financial reserve, we utilized funds to support member benefits and deliverables. Our total revenue was \$83,699.00 and total expenses were \$69,361.00.

2020-21 Sponsors

This year, DHCC focused on maintaining relationships with past sponsors and evaluating/refining our sponsorship opportunities.

Our sponsors are important partners that work with DHCC to provide opportunities for funding of social and educational events that help keep costs to members lower.

And finally, the Dietetics in Health Care Communities DPG would not be able to do all that is done to support the membership without the Executive Committee. This group works diligently to listen to the members, support the organization as we complete the many, many activities required annually from nominating, budget development, awards, FNCE® preparation, and representing DHCC members on a variety of Academy processes, procedures and legislative commentary. Guidance from many Past Chairs and founding members is invaluable to help maintain the vision of the practice group which started in 1975.

Thank you to all our members that provide feedback, support and guidance to the group as we continue to evolve to serve you better. All ideas are welcome, and we appreciate you very much.

Julie Driscoll, RDN, CSR, CSG, LDN

2020-2021 Chair, Dietetics in Health Care Communities

**Dietetics in Health Care Communities (DHCC)
Executive Committee and Officers 2020-2021**

Chair – Julie Driscoll, RDN, CSR, CSG, LDN

Past Chair – Cora Martin, RDN, CSG, LD

Chair Elect – Amy Gautraud, MS, RDN

Treasurer – Rena Zelig, DCN, RDN, CSG, CDE

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Delegate – Joanne Zacharias, MS, RD, LDN

Nominating Committee – Suzanne Cryst, RDN, CSG, LD (Chair), Linda Roberts, credentials (Chair Elect), Jamie Ritchie, RD, and Elaine Farley-Zoucha, RDN, LMNT, LD

Professional Development Coordinator – Pamela Brummit, MA, RD, LD

Policy and Advocacy Leader – Cynthia Wolfram, RD, LD

Membership Coordinator – Cindy Dahl, RDN, NHA

Communications Coordinator – Baillie Troskot, RDN, LN, CDM

Corrections Sub-Unit – Mitchel Holliday, EdD, RDN, FAND

Dietetic Technicians Sub-Unit – Drisana Clifton, MPH, NDTR

Newsletter Managing Editor – Marcus F. Sam, MS, RDN, LD

Sponsorship Coordinator – Anna de Jesus, MBA, RD