

2019 – 2020 Annual Report

Dietetics in Health Care Communities Dietetic Practice Group had a busy year! The 2019-2020 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.

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, provides 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, newsletter articles, and FNCE® reception events. This provides opportunity for networking, sharing expertise with dietitians that have expertise in other areas of practice.
- **DHCC Webinars** were well received. In addition to regularly scheduled webinars, DHCC recognized the critical importance of relevant COVID-19 information with a March 2020 webinar that had over 1,800 registrants.
- **The Spotlight Session at FNCE® 2019**, "Taking the Lead in Drug Interaction Prevention in Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Settings". The session, presented by Nicole Brandt, PharmD, MBA, BCGP, BCPP, FASCP of the University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy, and Jane Ziegler, DCN, RDN, LDN of Rutgers University, School of Health Professions, promoted the RDN as the interdisciplinary team coordinator to identify and lessen drug nutrient interactions and adverse events.
- **Continued transition of Dietetic Technicians DPG into a subunit of DHCC DPG.**

DHCC activities at the 2019 Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo™ (FNCE®) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

In addition to the Spotlight Session, DHCC had a productive and busy time! Activities included:

- Participated in the Academy’s DPG/MIG Showcase
- Supported five students to attend FNCE® through financial stipends
- Offered a collaborative/joint reception with the Healthy Aging DPG at the Pyramid Club
- Facilitated a Saturday morning workshop, “P&P’s - Progress & Proactivity: The Future of Malnutrition Care, PDPM and the Food Code”

Professional Development:

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

Webinar	Self-Study	“Live”	
	Total 2019-20	Registered	Attended
September 2019 (PDPM)	64	529	359
December 2019 (PDPM)	52	435	273
January 2020 (Ethics)	44	280	160
January 2020 (Pressure Ulcers)	51	583	322
March 2020 (COVID-19)	70	1800+	N/A
March 2020 (Anemia)	22	228	123
May 2020 (HACCP)	8	203	114

Issue/topic	Total taken	Total passed
Winter 2020 (weight management)	62	58
Summer 2019 (Tocotrienol/bone health)	67	63
Spring 2019 (Parenteral N)	122	92
Winter 2019 (Farmers Markets)	122	80
Fall 2018 (Handgrip)	195	158
Summer 2018 (CMS)	97	56
Spring 2018 (Lutein)	155	116
Spring 2018 (Oral Feeding)	117	111
Winter 2018 (Pocket Resource)	67	64
Fall 2017 (IDDSI)	110	95
Summer 2017 (Strategic Planning)	44	42
Spring 2017 (Vitamin D)	83	62
Winter 2017 (Oral Cavity)	42	40
Fall 2016 (CMS)	73	39

DHCC Awards:

We were pleased to recognize Candace Johnson, RDN, CSG, FAND as the DHCC Distinguished Member.

DHCC also nominated 2 DHCC members who were Academy Award recipients:

- Carol Elliott, RDN, LDN, FAND – Medallion Award
- Drisana Clifton, NDTR – Excellence in Practice, Dietetic Technician, Registered

DHCC 50-Year Members:

We send special congratulations to our 2019-20 50-year members:

Suzanne H. Acheson, RD, LD
Jane P. Bennett, MS, RDN, CD
Jolene R. Campbell, MEd, RD, LDN
Mary S. Cox, RD, LDN
June W. Gordon, MS, RD, CD
Shirley F. Harper, RD
Victoria H. Major, MA, RD
Rosemary H. Nakasone
Merrell L. Rogers, RDN
Emma B. Williams, RD
Mary W. Wood, RDN

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 \$120,290.00 and total expenses were \$160,639.00.

As part of our financial commitment, the Executive Committee approved a \$62,000.00 donation to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation to support an evidence analysis project, *Malnutrition/Unintended Weight Loss in Older Adults*. The second half of this donation was completed this year.

2019-20 Sponsors

This year DHCC received sponsorship support from many industry leaders. We extend our thanks to:

Abbott Nutrition
Cranberry Institute
Global Health Products
HPSI Purchasing Services, LLC
Nutricia
Wells Enterprises (Blue Bunny)

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

The Executive Committee urges you to thank these organizations when you see them involved and sponsoring our many activities.

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.

A BIG 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.

Cora Martin, RDN, CSG, LD
2019-2020 Chair, Dietetics in Health Care Communities

**Dietetics in Health Care Communities (DHCC)
Executive Committee and Officers 2019-20**

Chair – Cora Martin, RDN, CSG, LD

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Bailee Troskot, RDN, LD, CDM (ANFP); Janice Raymond, MS, RDN, CSG (Pioneer Network)