

2018 – 2019 Annual Report

Dietetics in Health Care Communities Dietetic Practice Group had a busy year of transition and review of the organization. The 2018-2019 Executive Committee worked to serve our members as we reviewed many of the organization's structure, modifying to improve efficiencies and effectiveness for member services.

DHCC members work in Post-Acute and Long-term care settings (PALTC) including long-term care (LTC), independent / assisted living, home care, 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 Barb Pyper 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. The ***Handgrip Strength Assessment Tool*** is an example of this collaboration that provides the information and the opportunity to have CPEUs.
- **The Spotlight Session at FNCE® 2018** was a collaboration with the Clinical Nutrition Management DPG and focused on bridging gaps in care between various organizations that serve our clients. The session was: *“Strategies to Improve Care Transition to Reduce Malnutrition.*
- **DHCC Webinars** were well received.
- **Continued transition of Dietetic Technicians DPG into a subunit of DHCC DPG.**
- **Additional member benefit added for 2018-19:** Natural Medicines Database subscription.
- **Launch of our new website.** With clearer navigation, a searchable member directory, event calendar and more.

DHCC activities at the 2018 Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo™ (FNCE®) in Washington, DC:

- DHCC member gift distributed at DPG Showcase and DHCC booth
- Supported five students to attend FNCE® through financial stipends
- DHCC recruited new members at the DPG Showcase
- Joint reception with the Healthy Aging DPG
- Collaborative spotlight session with CNM DPG

Professional Development:

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

Webinar	Self-Study	“Live”	
	Total 2018-19	Registered	Attended
November 2018 (LTC Requirements/CMS)	18	399	239
January 2019 (IDDSI)	12	347	212
March 2019 (Nitrite)	1		
April 2019 (SOP/SOPP)	7	396	200
May 2019 (Nutrition Measures)		204	115

Newsletter Self-Study Articles and Quiz	Total Completed 2018-19
Spring 2019 (Parenteral N)	16
Winter 2019 (Farmers Markets)	59
Fall 2018 (Handgrip)	116
Summer 2018 (CMS)	51
Spring 2018 (Lutein)	108
Spring 2018 (Oral Feeding)	112
Winter 2018 (Pocket Resource)	67
Winter 2018 (Oral Feeding)	15
Fall 2017 (IDDSI)	48
Summer 2017 (Strategic Planning)	13
Spring 2017 (Vitamin D)	34
Winter 2017 (Oral Cavity)	21
Fall 2016 (CMS)	30
Summer 2016 (skin integrity)	46
Spring 2016 (dining culture)	26

DHCC Awards:

We were pleased to recognize the following members this year:

Distinguished Member Awards: Cindy Dahl, RDN, NHA
Up & Coming Member: Lindsey Callihan, MS, RDN, CSG, CD
Abbott Leadership Award: Katie Dodd, MS, RDN, CSG, LD, FAND

DHCC 50-Year Members:

We send special congratulations to our 2018-19 50-year members:

Crevolyn M. Bell	Lois Y. King
Bonnie L. Berube	Linda F. McLean
Elizabeth L. Bieber	Bonnie R. Moeller
Floy S. Braswell	Mary K. Oliver
Adrienne M. Donaldson	Concepcion A. Placiente
Jacqueline H. Ebert	Virginia M. Pratt
Frances A. Engles	Regina W. Provencher
Angela Fernandez-Succop	Angela N. Reemelin
Renee S. Harker	Gretchen Y. Robinson
Virginia W. Hartmuller	Suzanne G. Rymer
Karel M. Hauser	Ellen M. Smith
Cynthia H. Hill	Dorothy M. Stewart
Adele T. Huls	Dian O. Weddle

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 \$122,883.00 and total expenses were \$166,272.00.

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 first half of this donation was completed this year.

2018-19 Sponsors

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

Bigelow Tea
Blue Bunny
Gordon Food Service

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, and FNCE® preparation. Guidance from the Past Chairs and founding members is invaluable to help maintain the vision of the practice group.

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.

Cynthia A. Wolfram, RD, LD
Chair, Dietetics in Health Care Communities, 2018-19

**Dietetics in Health Care Communities (DHCC)
Executive Committee and Officers 2018-19**

Chair – Cynthia Wolfram, RD, LD

Past Chair – Mary Rybicki, MS, RDN, LDN

Chair Elect – Cora Martin, RDN, CSG, LD

Treasurer – Julie Driscoll, RDN, CSR, SCG, LDN

Secretary – Heather Wilson, Med, RD, LDN

Delegate – Joanne Zacharias, MS, RD, LDN

Nominating Committee – Elise A. Smith, MA, RDN, LD, FAND

Professional Development Coordinator – Nancy Munoz, DCN, MHA, RDN, FAND

Policy and Advocacy Leader – Karin Palmer, RDN, LD, CDE

Membership Coordinator – Pamela Brummit, MA, RD/LD

Corrections Sub-Unit – Mitchel Holliday, MS, MSED, RD, FAND

Dietetic Technicians Sub-Unit – Corrine Worland, NDTR

Transition Coordinator – Dana Fillmore, RD, CP-FS

Newsletter Managing Editor – Stephanie Ashmore, MS, RD, CD

Sponsorship Coordinator – Suzanne Cryst, RD, CSG, LD

Network Liaisons – Kathleen Niedert, LNHA, RDN, LD, CSG, FADA (AMDA);
Anna de Jesus, MBA, RD (ANFP); Janice Raymond, MS, RDN, CSG (Pioneer Network)