



# LOUISIANA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DIETETICS AND NUTRITION

## **LBEDN Mission Statement:**

*Our mission is to assure the consumer of qualified licensed professionals. In pursuing our goal, we provide a process by which consumers may file complaints against our licensees or persons practicing dietetics/nutrition without a license.*

## LBEDN NEWS - Special Edition

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### Licensing Updates

LBEDN's renewal period opened on April 15th. Please be sure to renew your Louisiana licensure prior to the June 30th deadline.

#### **2020 Licensure Renewal fees are as follows:**

Renewals submitted from April 15th - June 30th

Active Renewal \$80

Inactive Renewal \$45

Renewals submitted from July 1 - August 31

Delinquent Active Renewal \$160

Delinquent Inactive Renewal \$90

*If you fail to renew, and reinstate your licensure within the first fiscal year of lapse, you will incur the reinstatement fee plus the Delinquent Active Renewal fee.*

#### **Before you begin your renewal:**

- Please review all information in your Licensee Dashboard and update as needed.
- Please add/edit your current Employment Information.

#### **Please Be Prepared While Completing Your Online Renewal:**

- **LDNs** must upload a copy of current CDR card (LDN ID card, CDR letter or receipt, or expired CDR card will not be accepted). When entering your CDR information, please be sure to enter your CDR number as it appears on your card, without any letters or symbols. Your CDR number should be between 5 and 8 digits. **THIS IS NOT YOUR LOUISIANA LDN LICENSE NUMBER.**
- **Provisional LDNs** must attest to completion of 15 continuing education hours and upload supporting documentation to renewal application. A Supervision Form must also be uploaded into the application if employed in dietetics/nutrition.

### COVID-19 Updates

The LBEDN has had no interruption of services during the COVID-19 crisis. Board staff has been working remotely since March 17, and remains available to assist with applications, licensure questions, license verifications, etc. LBEDN staff and Board members continue to be efficient, with applications being processed and approved in as little as 24 hours.

### Emergency Aid

If you or a Dietitian/Nutritionist you know has volunteered, lent a helping hand in another state, or gone above and beyond to help others during this pandemic, please let the Board know by sending an email to Tracy Jeanmarie at [tjeanmarie@lbedn.org](mailto:tjeanmarie@lbedn.org). The Board would like to recognize any Dietitian/Nutritionist who has contributed to others in this time of need.

### Telenutrition in Louisiana

The provision of telenutrition in Louisiana is covered under the Louisiana Dietetic/Nutrition license. When telenutrition is used and the Dietetic/Nutrition practitioner and the patient or client are located in different states, the Dietetic/Nutrition practitioner providing the patient care services must be licensed in the state where the patient is located.



#### Meet the Board

**Martina Musmeci Salles, MPH, RDN, LDN, FAND**

*Board Chairperson*

**Monica Pierson-McDaniels, MS, RDN, LDN**

*Board Vice Chairperson*

**Stephenie Marshall, MS, RDN, LDN, CCHC**

*Secretary/Treasurer*

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*Board Liaison*

**April Cintron, MS, RD, LDN**

*Board Member*

**Meghan Kavanaugh, APRN, FNP-C, RD, LDN, CDE, BC-ADM**

*Board Member, Nurses Association*

**Susan F. Julius, M.D.**

*Medical Advisor*

**Vacant**

*Public Member*

# A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

## Board Member Vacancies

The Board currently has two board member positions that will become vacant on October 27, 2020 and December 15, 2020. These positions are for Licensed Dietitians/Nutritionists who are selected by the Governor from a list submitted by the Louisiana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Nominees who are Licensed Dietitians/Nutritionists shall be residents of the state who have an unrestricted license to practice in the field of dietetics or nutrition or a related field for not less than five years. The positions are for three year terms. The Board meets four times a year at the Board office in Prairieville.

LBEDN is always looking for energetic new faces to join the Board in our mission to protect the public. Requests for more information and nominations can be sent to [lda@eatrightlouisiana.org](mailto:lda@eatrightlouisiana.org).

## LAND Webinar

For greater than 3 decades, the Louisiana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (LAND) has hosted conferences to enhance the knowledge and practice of nutrition professionals in Louisiana. Since the stay-at-home order interrupted public gatherings, LAND quickly restructured the format of the 2020 LAND Conference and developed a virtual format to forge forward. LBEDN provided a 1-hour live session on Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm.

The LBEDN session topics included:

- Insight on the Louisiana revised statutes for practicing nutrition/dietetics in the state of Louisiana
- LDN's authority to write diet orders and lab order
- The role of the LBEDN
- How to become a LBEDN member
- Discussion of 4 regulatory cases the LBEDN investigated, processed and sanctioned

If you missed the session, no worries! The recorded session will be made available on the LAND website, listed under the Events tab <https://eatrightlouisiana.org/2020-conference-webinars/>. Please take a moment to check it out.

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## BOARD PRESENTATIONS:

Is your group interested in having a Board member present information regarding licensure law, board activities or related topics? The Board is interested in addressing your needs. We especially welcome the opportunity to speak with student groups, interns, and district associations. To request a presentation, please call or email Tracy at the Board office. We ask that you make your request three months in advance if possible. We want to meet with you to share about our law and rules, and to answer your questions. This process makes that possible!