Introduction to Policy: Do You Have The APP? MAND Advocacy 2021

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How well do you know Maryland?
Objectives

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► Objectives: Do you have the APP (Advocacy, Preparedness, Politics)?
  ► Advocacy?
    ► Learn what progress MAND members have made for our profession by participating in MAND Advocacy
    ► Understand what the State of Maryland is responsible for in dietetic practice
    ► Learn the value and fun of virtually meeting your Maryland State Legislators
  ► Preparedness?
    ► Understand the purpose of your attendance with MAND Advocacy
    ► How do I know who represents me in the state?
  ► Politics?
    ► Brief legislative overview

► 1 CPEU provided after the completion of the evaluation
Do you have the APP (Advocacy, Preparedness, Politics)?
Advocacy?

MAND Profile—Did you know?

- ~1,200 Active members of MAND including students, associates, retired, honorary, and life members
- ~1,100 of the MAND membership are in diverse practice areas
  - Business and Industry
  - Clinical Nutrition
  - Community and Public Health
  - Consultants
  - Informatics
  - Management
  - Education
Advocacy?

► Learn what progress MAND members have made for our profession and future MAND Advocacy Days!

► Organized by the MAND State Policy Representative (SPR) a member of the Board of Directors

► Hosted by the MAND Public Policy Panel (PPP) comprised of voting and non-voting members of the MAND Board of Directors

► Held traditionally during Maryland General Session (January - April)
MAND Public Policy Panel (PPP) is comprised of Voting and Non-Voting MAND Board of Directors appointed by the MAND President:

- **Voting Members:**
  - Public Policy Coordinator (PPC)-Glenda Lindsey, Dr.PH, MS, RD, LDN
  - President-Helene Fletcher, RD, LDN
  - Affiliate Delegate-Arnetta Fletcher, PhD, RDN, LD
  - President-Elect-Teresa L. Turner, MS, RD, LDN, SNS, FAND
  - State Policy Representative-Susan O’Malley, MS, RD, LDN
  - State Regulatory Specialist (SRS)-Barbara Hoffstein, RD, LDN
  - Reimbursement & Business Division Chair-Sharon E. Hawks, MS, RD, LDN, CDCES
Advocacy?

- Understand what the State of Maryland is responsible for in dietetic practice
  - Educate
    Inform our representatives of the ways in which nutrition professionals contribute to the health and wellness of the community
  - Advocate
    Directly discuss core components, terms, and issues of proposed legislation in order to influence the decision of an official with content (the author or sponsor)
    - OR -
    voting powers (heard in their committee for a vote)
Preparedness?
Preparedness? How do I know who represents me in the state?

► Your responsibility at MAND Advocacy Day:
  ► Click on www.MDElect.net
  ► Importance of Constituents (YOU)
  ► Learn about your State Delegate & State Senator
  ► Click on http://mgaleg.Maryland.gov for legislative bio to bills sponsored

► Overview in the General Assembly:
  ► 47 Districts
  ► 47 Senators and 141 Legislators = 4 year terms
  ► 1 State Senator, Number of State Delegates based on population in each district
  ► Legislators / Aides
Preparedness?

Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics Resources:
Nate Stritzinger, MPH, RDN, Manager, Grassroots and State Advocacy
-AND-
Emily Kranias, MBA, RDN, LDN, Coordinator Grassroots Advocacy

Stay tuned!
Preparedness?

Shout out!

MAND Lobbyist-Dan Shattuck & Barbara Marx Brocado discuss bills with MAND SPR & PPP all year round!
Preparedness?

► Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs) are automatically named specifically in appropriate bills without MAND asking for an amendment

► New regulations to improve and protect:
  ► the health and wellness of Maryland residents
  ► our practice groups

Pictured on the right is Delegate Barron and MAND Public Policy Coordinator (PPC)-Glenda Lindsey, Dr.PH, MS, RD, LDN when she testified in the house on the bill HB0086 and SB0656 Health Insurance Coverage for Elevated or Impaired Blood Glucose Levels and Prediabetes Treatment
Preparedness?
The Apple Crunch Challenge

Is the new MAND apple stress ball!

Pictured right is Montgomery County District 19 Team with Delegate Bonnie Cullison’s Legislative Director Brigida Krzysztofik in 2019. Featured Andrea Troutner, RD, LD, LDN, CDCES, FAND, MAND Immediate Past SPR (2019).
Politics?
How do bills become a law?

Politics? Brief Legislative Overview

How a Bill Becomes a Law:

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Politics?

- Scope of Practice in real time!
  - Education & training to get to where you are now
  - Entails ongoing training such as CPEUs and specialty certifications
  - Tell how your work affects the reduction of chronic disease for Maryland citizens & reduces health care costs
Politics? Contact your senators and delegates today!

- Legislation going on right now in standing committees either Senate or House of Delegates

  - Use evidence based research when reviewing bills to present the benefits an RD would bring to the topic.

  - The Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics (AND) and MAND’s PPP guide our members regarding advocacy on current legislation.
Now that you have the APP (Advocacy, Preparedness, Politics)....
Are you photo ready?

- Snap a picture or two of your favorite takeaways throughout virtual Advocacy Day 2021 (like mine!)
- Post them to Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and mention @eatwellmd
- Don’t forget to follow MAND @eatwellmd
Questions?

Ask us anything!
Thank You

You Got This!

Pictured right is Carolyn Wescott, RD, LDN, MAND SPR (2020).