Visioning Process for Future Practice

What is the Council on Future Practice (CFP)?

The Council on Future Practice is an Academy committee that collaborates with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR), Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) and Nutrition and Dietetics Educators and Preceptors (NDEP) to project the future practice needs for the profession of nutrition and dietetics. Each of these organizational units (future practice, education, credentialing and accreditation) represent the four critical segments necessary for producing new practitioners, as well as assisting experienced practitioners to move up the career ladder.

This organizational unit is comprised of ten (10) Academy members who represent the practice, credentialing and education communities. The composition is as follows:

- Academy members apply for the positions and five (5) members are appointed by the HLT for a three-year term. These members represent various areas of nutrition and dietetics practice and education.
- ACEND will appoint an individual, who will serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member.
- One member is appointed to represent CDR.
- One member from the HOD Leadership Team (HLT) will be appointed by the Speaker to serve as the communication link to the House of Delegates and Board of Directors.
- One member is appointed to represent NDEP.
- A tenth member is appointed by the Speaker to represent young members in practice for 5-10 years.

Why is the Council on Future Practice conducting a visioning process?

One of the functions of the CFP is to ensure the viability and relevance of the profession of nutrition and dietetics by engaging in a visioning process. This process is a three-year program of work which will involve all Academy organizational units and members.

What is the purpose of conducting a visioning process?

The purpose of the visioning process is to initiate recommendations for general practice roles, specialist practice roles and advanced practice roles. These recommendations will be shared with all Academy organizational units. This will allow organizational units the opportunity to consider how they might implement these recommendations. An additional benefit is the identification of future mega issues as potential topics for future House of Delegates dialogue sessions.

What is the visioning process?

The visioning process describes the future a group wants to achieve. Visioning creates a picture of the desired future status, affirms the best of what could be, visualizes what excellence looks like, and shows the best scenario for the time. Visioning focuses on the most important future image and allows consensus building. All organizational units can see the future image, understand the goals, objectives, motives and resource expenditure needed to achieve the vision. The process encourages cooperation, links the work of different organizational units, creates excitement and provides consistent direction. It is a blueprint for action.
What are the steps and timeline for participating in the visioning process?

**Year 1 (2014-2015):**
- CFP prepares information (trends, events, developments and issues) affecting the profession and shaping future practice.
- CFP creates a scanning framework related to trends and change drivers, and determines priority areas.
- CFP creates a document which outlines the scanning framework for use by organizational units and members to review and provide input.
- CFP educates organizational units and members about the visioning process and the value of participation.

**Year 2 (2015-2016):**
- Organizational units work with members to provide input on the priority areas, trends and change drivers affecting the practice of nutrition and dietetics.
- External organizations will be asked to participate in the process.
- CFP reviews all of the input and develops draft recommendations for initial review.

**Year 3 (2016-2017):**
- CFP creates a visioning report utilizing member and external input.
- The final visioning report is published in the *Journal*.

What is the role of Academy organizational units in the visioning process?

The role of Academy organizational units is critical to the process, and the units are being asked to do the following during the 2015-2016 program year:
1. Include participation in the visioning process as part of your program of work for the 2015-2016 program year. Determine if any funding should be provided in order to distribute the information and collect feedback.
2. Utilize the questions provided by CFP to solicit input from your members.
3. Analyze, evaluate, and prioritize the responses from your members for submission to the CFP via a survey tool. Only one report will be accepted on behalf of each organizational unit.

Who are the members of the 2014-2015 Council on Future Practice?

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