

## **Spring 2019 HOD Meeting Potential Topics**

The HOD Evolution Designers are currently developing proposed model(s) for a redesigned HOD based on the culture assessment conducted spring 2018 and the extensive constituent input and dialogue at the fall 2018 HOD meeting. While the final outcome of this work and timeline for implementation of any changes is yet unknown, the HLT recognizes the opportunity to pilot some changes in process requested by delegates. For the spring HOD meeting, the HLT invites delegates to indicate their preference for the dialogue topic. Once the topic is selected, delegates will later have the opportunity to select the subtopic under this topic in which they wish to engage in dialogue and deliberation, leading to recommendations for action.

**Here's your first opportunity to be heard.** Based on mega-issues currently submitted by DPGs and delegates, the Council on Future Practice's Change Drivers and Trends, and information collected through the dialogue at the fall 2018 HOD meeting, the HOD Leadership Team (HLT) identified 3 potential overarching topics for the spring 2019 HOD meeting.

**What do you need to do?** Review each topic and the associated information provided. We have provided a brief explanation of the topic, a sample "mega-issue" question, subtopics for dialogue and deliberation, and brief information on current relevant work by Academy organizational units. Consider the relative importance of each topic to your constituents and then rank the topics (1 to 3) in order of priority (1 = top priority).

### **Topic 1: Technology in Dietetics Practice**

This topic addresses opportunities to leverage technology, Big Data and artificial intelligence across all areas of practice to expand practice and create career opportunities. It aligns with the Change Driver – Technological Obsolescence is Accelerating.

Sample question: How does the Academy/Academy's members leverage technology to build trust, influence stakeholders and provide customizable solutions?

Subtopics:

- Leveraging Big Data and Artificial Intelligence (how they can integrate into and advance the work of RDNs and NDTRs; create career opportunities)
- Expanding access to care via technology, including telehealth, apps, and remote monitoring devices.
- Enhancing dietetics education through the use of technology.

Current Academy initiatives include Telehealth Workgroup, collection of practice resources on telehealth, licensure compact, Model Practice Act, webinars, Certificate of Training programs, ANDHII, nutrition informatics surveys, EAL telehealth project, Food & Nutrition Magazine app reviews, CDR simulation grants, and participation with the Center for Telehealth and eHealth Law.

### **Topic 2: Consumer awareness and changing drivers of food choices**

This topic addresses the challenges and opportunities as a consequence of heightened consumer awareness of food choices and nutrition (choosing for value; value-based food decision-making;

choosing based on trust). It aligns with the Change Driver - Consumer Awareness of Food Choice Ramifications Increases.

Sample question: How can we better market the Academy's members as trusted advisors to educate and promote evidence-based practices and science-based resources to practitioners, the public, policy makers and all (other) stakeholders?

Subtopics:

- Sustainability/sustainable food systems (what should be the role of the Academy/its members with regard to food and social responsibility?)
- Evidence-based practice (what to do in the absence of evidence?)/Rapid response (science vs fads)

Current Academy initiatives include the Future of Food Initiative, Evidence-based/Evidence-informed Criteria Development Task Force, collection of practice resources on sustainable food systems, position papers, Focus Area Standards for RDNs in Sustainable, Resilient and Healthy Food and Water Systems, multiple webinars, Certificate of Training programs, Code of Ethics, and the Spokesperson program.

### **Topic 3: Collaborative Ready Practice**

This topic addresses the need for effective collaboration in all areas of practice. It aligns with the Change Driver – Creating Collaborative-Ready Health Professionals.

Sample question: What are the key strategies needed to position the Academy/Academy's members as the trusted source in prevention and wellbeing, health care and health systems, and food and nutrition safety and security?

Subtopics:

- Interprofessional education
- Interprofessional practice
- Interprofessional team building/development
- Collaboration with business and industry, governmental agencies, alliances, etc.

Current Academy initiatives include ACEND standards, CDR essential practice competencies, position papers, CDR Interdisciplinary Board Certification in Obesity and Weight Management, Standards of Practice/Standards of Professional Performance, and alliance relationships.