

## NAME CHANGE FACTS

**BACKGROUND:** ADA's first DPG, Consultant Dietitians in Health Care Facilities or CD-HCF was started in 1975 and represented the primary role of RDs consulting in Long Term Care. As years have progressed, so has the industry and RDs are now working as consultants, full time/part time employees in health care facilities, home health, corrections, wellness programs, community programs, and private consultation.

The last few years have included discussions regarding the accuracy of our DPG name in representing the members. Following the last member survey, it became more evident that our members felt the current name no longer adequately reflected who we are or what we do.

1. *Consultant Dietitians* – our membership consists of consultant dietitians and employee dietitians. We also have many members that are DTRs.
2. *Health Care Facilities* – today the people we serve live in a myriad of residences: Continuous Care Retirement Communities (CCRC), assisted living facilities, skilled nursing homes, residential group homes, private homes, correctional institutions and so forth.

**MEMBERS OPINION:** In the fall of 2008, the CD-HCF Executive Committee (EC) listened to our members and agreed to proceed with a name change for the DPG. ADA approved the name change ballot and our members were offered the opportunity to vote. The results of the first vote revealed the following:

- a. The membership was in favor of a name change.
- b. There was no clear consensus as to what that name should be.

**CURRENT PLANS:** Based on member input and much debate, the CD-HCF Executive Committee agreed to proceed with a second vote. The members selected Dietetics in Health Care Communities (DHCC) as the choice for our new DPG name. DHCC will become effective June 1, 2009. We believe the new name will represent our membership at least for the next 10 years.