



National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators

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Three Certified Diabetes Educators Elected to NCBDE Board of Directors

(Arlington Heights, IL – December 2018) Chrystyne Olivieri, DNP, FNP-BC, CDE[®], Jenni Osborne, CDE[®], MCHES, MPH, and Becky Sulik, RDN, LD, CDE[®], have been elected to serve as members of the National Certification Board for Diabetes Educators (NCBDE) Board of Directors (Board). Their four-year terms begin on January 1, 2019.

Dr. Olivieri, Brookville, New York, became a mother of a child with type 1 diabetes in 1987 which changed the trajectory of her future career. She pursued becoming a registered nurse, family nurse practitioner, and then a CDE[®] in 2010. She completed her doctorate at Stony Brook University, studying the effects of the Paleo diet to prevent prediabetes becoming type 2 diabetes. She currently is Assistant Professor of Graduate Nursing at Long Island University, New York. Ms. Osborne, Portsmouth, Virginia, has held the CDE[®] credential since 2017. She has been teaching diabetes prevention and management courses to military service members for many years and is now the Subject Matter Expert for Chronic Conditions at Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center in Portsmouth. Ms. Sulik, Idaho Falls, Idaho, is a registered dietitian and earned her CDE[®] credential in 1998. She is currently the Director of Education at Rocky Mountain Diabetes Center in Idaho Falls, where she leads a team that includes six other diabetes educators.

With their election, they join six CDE[®] Directors and one Public Member currently serving on the organization's Board. As of January 1, 2019, the Board will also include:

- Leonard Sanders, MD, FACP, BC-ADM, CLS, CDE[®], Chair
- Jasmine Gonzalvo, PharmD, BCPS, BC-ADM, CDE[®], LDE, Chair-Elect
- Joan Bardsley, MBA, RN, FADE, CDE[®], Immediate Past Chair
- Benjamin Klein, BS, Treasurer
- Allyson Jackson, RD, CDE[®]
- Carol Rasmussen, MSN, NP-C, CDE[®], FADE
- Britt Rotberg, MS, RDN, LD, BC-ADM, CDE[®]

- Sheryl Traficano, MBA, CAE (NCBDE CEO, ex-officio)

NCBDE is a national not-for-profit certification organization that awards the CDE® credential to qualified individuals and there are currently over 19,500 health professionals holding the CDE® credential. The CDE® program is accredited through the National Commission for Certifying Agencies.

NCBDE was established in 1986 to develop and administer a certification program for health professionals who facilitate people in acquiring the knowledge, skill, and ability necessary for prediabetes and diabetes self-care, as well as activities that assist a person in implementing and sustaining the health practices needed to manage the condition on an ongoing basis, beyond or outside of formal self-management training. NCBDE's mission is to promote comprehensive and ongoing quality diabetes education and support by defining, developing, maintaining, and protecting the certification and credentialing processes. NCBDE supports the concept of voluntary, periodic certification for all diabetes educators who meet credential and experience eligibility requirements. For more information on NCBDE, visit the web site at www.ncbde.org or contact the national office at info@ncbde.org or 847-228-9795.

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