

**BISMARCK LEADER IN FOOD, NUTRITION AND HEALTH ATTENDS
“BUSINESS OF MNT BOOT CAMP LEVEL II”
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CHICAGO – Amy Davis, a registered dietitian nutritionist and Bismarck resident, was among the members of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics who attended the Academy’s “Business of MNT Boot Camp Level II,” held April 17 to 18 in Chicago.

Davis is the Director of Nutritional Services at Sanford Health in Bismarck and been serving as an Academy MNT Business Leader since the first Business of MNT Boot Camp held April 2013. She also serves as the Reimbursement Representative for the North Dakota Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

The Academy’s “Business of MNT Boot Camp Level II” was an intensive, two-day train-the-trainer program on business aspects of providing medical nutrition therapy services under changing health care delivery and payment models. The original boot camp covered advanced-level billing for nutrition services, health care reform, marketing and more. As a result, the MNT Business Leaders have been working hard over the last two years to share resources and lessons learned with other registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs).

Since 2013, health care delivery and payment, MNT practice, legislation and regulations have changed, resulting in changes in the needs of members and the profession. The issue of nutrition services delivery and payment pertains to a wide range of practice areas and settings based on shifts in where and how health and wellness services are provided. “The Business of MNT Business Boot Camp Level II takes the Academy deeper into establishing a recognized role for registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs) in the future of health care,” said registered dietitian nutritionist and Academy President Sonja L. Connor, MS, RDN, LDN, FAND.

Participation was limited to 24 of the Academy’s more than 75,000 members throughout the country. Topics covered during this year’s Boot Camp included articulating the value proposition of RDNs and MNT services in alternate health care payment models, collecting outcomes data and enhancing skills for reimbursement.

“RDNs need to demonstrate, not only to insurance companies but also to health care systems and primary care practices, the value we bring to patient care based on clinical outcomes, patient satisfaction and cost savings. The Academy is actively working to promote the integration of RDNs into new models of health care delivery and payment,” Connor said.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is the world’s largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. The Academy is committed to optimizing the nation’s health and advancing the profession of dietetics through research, education and advocacy. To locate a registered dietitian nutritionist in your area, visit the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics at www.eatright.org.