

**The Association of State Public Health Nutritionists  
Biographical Sketch of Candidates for 2016 Election**

**Candidate for the office of:** MCH Nutrition Council Chair-Elect

**Name:** Leslie Lewis

**Credentials:** MPH, LDN, RD

**Title:** Obesity Prevention Program Manager

**State Agency:** Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals



**ASTPHND Activities (include committee and council membership, current or previous elected positions, participation in leadership program):** Elected Director at Large 2014-2016, member of the MCH Nutrition Council, Chair of the Collaboration committee, member of the Obesity prevention steering committee, and liaison for Action for Healthy Kids. I participated in the Emerging Leaders in Nutrition program from 2011- 2012.

**Briefly describe why you are interested in filling this position:** My current position at the Louisiana Department of Health is housed within the Maternal and Child Health program. I have been in this position since 2007 and am very knowledgeable of the “hot topics” in MCH, and therefore feel I could be an asset to the Council. Moreover I am passionate about nutrition issues within MCH, particularly breastfeeding and childhood obesity.

**Other Related Activities:**

Leslie Lewis, MPH, LDN, RD is a registered dietitian with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) Office of Public Health (OPH). At OPH Leslie serves as the Obesity Prevention Program Manager for the Bureau of Family Health program and is nutrition consultant to the Children Special Health Services program. In this role, Leslie assists with program and policy development on various projects related to Maternal and Child Health. In particular she assists in the implementation of the Nutrition and Physical Activity Self Assessment of Child Care Centers, or NAP SACC, program in child care centers across the state. NAP SACC is an initiative of Michelle Obama Let’s Move Campaign aimed at increasing stronger nutrition and physical activity policies and practices in the childcare setting. Leslie also manages the Louisiana Child Care Health Consultant program and supervises the Bureau of Family Health breastfeeding staff and projects.