

Excellence in Practice

This award acknowledges and recognizes an ASPHN member for outstanding contribution to the field of public health nutrition and his or her activities and efforts that have assisted in meeting ASPHN's mission.

Who would you like to nominate for the Excellence in Practice award?

Tell us why this nominee should be considered for this award. When describing the nominee's accomplishments, please identify:

- a. Where the activities took place;**
- b. Whether or not the activity impacted the state or the nation;**
- c. If the activity required working with partners and if so, which ones;**
- d. What the overall impact of the activity was.**

Please include any additional information related to this award that you would like the selection committee to consider.

Alison Conneally, MS, RDN, CDN

ASPHN liaison to the Academy's Public Health Community Nutrition Practice Group (PHCNPG). She is the Director of the Nutrition Section of the Bureau of Supplemental Food Programs in the New York State Department of Health

Alison is a very dedicated, committed, and engaged ASPHN liaison to the Academy's Public Health Community Nutrition Practice Group (PHCNPG) since 2013 and has accomplished remarkable projects through the collaboration with PHCNPG. As co-chair, Alison worked on the Guide for Developing and Enhancing Skills in Public Health and Community Nutrition, 3rd ed. with Kay Sisk (PHCNPG liaison to ASPHN). The guide was submitted to the Academy's NDEP, Committee on Public Health and Community Nutrition (ACPHCN), PHCNPG, and ASPHN for their feedback. The finalized Guide was approved by the Academy for Nutrition and Dietetics in March 2018. Her team launched the professionally formatted Guide in December 2018, and conducted a live webinar (1.5 CEU). 1) Where the activities took place: Public health and nutrition communities in the US and overseas. 2) Whether or not the activity impacted the state or the nation: It impacted RDs and nutritionists the nationwide and also global. 3) If the activity required working with partners and if so, which ones: Yes, her team's accomplishments would not have accomplished without Alison's collaboration & leadership skills and knowledge of the Developing and Enhancing Skills in Public Health and Community Nutrition. Her team worked on various Dietetic Practice groups of the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics. 4) What the overall impact of the activity was. Publishing the Developing and Enhancing Skills in Public Health and Community Nutrition was extremely important for RDs and nutritionists who work in the public health area to improve their skills and knowledge also promote importance of RDs and Nutritionist's to non-nutrition professionals.

As a partnership committee member and the PHCNPG chair (2012-2013), it took me about 2 years to establish a collaboration between PHCNPG and ASPHN. After 5 years, I was able to see remarkable accomplishments Alison and Kay Sisk. I cannot say enough "Thank You" and I really appreciate the exceptional effort, commitment and skills that they demonstrate on developing the guide. Their accomplishments should be recognized and share their skills, knowledgeable; and leadership and dedication with other ASPHN members. Here is a list of her work as a co-chair:

- Served as Liaison in the partnership between the PHCNPG and ASPHN since 2013.
- In 2013, Alison and Kay Sisk (PHCNPG) liaison met to discuss the collaboration between ASPHN and PHCNPG.
- We connected our organizations through links and information on our respective organization websites, and announced the new partnership through newsletter articles.
- Co-Chair for the development of the Guide for Developing and Enhancing Skills for Public and Community Nutrition, 3rd ed. (the Guide). The Guide is a comprehensive curriculum for practitioners, program administrators, and educators to develop and enhance the knowledge and skills currently expected of nutrition professionals practicing in public health and community nutrition.
- As Co-chair for the project: – Collaboratively, our organizations decided to support the effort to revise the 2nd edition of the Guidelines for Community Nutrition Supervised Experiences.
 - In February 2014, we began recruiting volunteers to assist in updating the Guidelines, which resulted in the establishment of an Expert Review Committee, consisting of subject-matter experts in the field, representing a wide variety of organizations that all share a similar mission.
 - We had our first call with the Committee in April 2014, and had monthly calls thereafter.
 - The co-chairs facilitated all calls, recorded and distributed meeting minutes, took the lead to revising the document, and built consensus among the group.
 - The Committee worked to define the purpose, target audience, and intended use of the document, and examined the Nutrition Training Topic Areas to determine what changes were needed.
 - The revision included a thorough review of existing literature, and numerous internal and external discussions and reviews, to ensure that this tool would meet the needs of the various target audiences. During the course of the revision, the competencies and standards related to nutrition education, and public health and community nutrition were also being revised by other organizations. We were careful to review those (as available) so that the recommended knowledge, skills and learning experiences within the Guide were all in sync with the established competencies.
 - The co-chairs sought input from numerous entities. In 2015, the co-chairs presented a preliminary draft of the Guidelines during the ASPHN Annual Meeting held June 14-16, 2015, in St. Louis, Missouri. Feedback on the document was solicited from ASPHN members and considered for review.

- A call for reviewers was sent to PHCNPG members and members of the Academy’s Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors (NDEP) to solicit feedback on a preliminary draft, as well.
- This project was a much bigger job than initially anticipated and is taking much longer than expected. The co-chairs enlisted the assistance of an editor due to overwhelming work-related demands of the Co-leads of the Committee. In January 2016, Kathleen Cullinen (PHCNPG member) agreed to serve as an Associate Editor.
- The team revised the document based on the feedback received to address redundancy, consistency of terms, etc., and presented it to the Review Committee. Final comments were incorporated.
- The team submitted a proposal for a FNCE 2017 educational session to ensure that the document is marketed to a wide audience. The proposed session focused on the current/future state of the workforce and introduced the Guide as a training tool to ensure competency in the field. The proposal however, was rejected by the Academy.
- The team collaborated with Karen Probert and Shana Patterson to discuss ASPHN's new Public Health Nutrition Resource Website, and how it but will be based on the Guide and the collaborative effort of ASPHN and the PHCNDPG.
- The final draft of the Guide for Developing and Enhancing Skills in Public Health and Community Nutrition, 3rd ed. was sent to the Academy's NDEP, Committee on Public Health and Community Nutrition (ACPHCN), PHCNPG, and ASPHN.
- From these groups, we received feedback from over 100 members who thoroughly reviewed the Guide. The co-editors and Committee members spent a great amount of time carefully considering all comments in order to make this the most valuable resource for users.
- The team met with the PHCNDPG leadership and DPG manager to determine the process and estimated time frame for Academy approval of the Guide. The Guide was finalized and sent to the Academy for Nutrition and Dietetics for approval in February 2018, and approved in March 2018. – Another proposal was submitted for a FNCE 2018 educational session to ensure that the document is marketed to a wide audience. However, the session was rejected for the second consecutive year.
- The team worked closely with the Academy’s contractor to professionally format and design the Guide to be easy to access and use, and to be tailored to each of the target audiences. The designing phase took longer than anticipated, and resulted in postponing the launch and the webinar.
- Kay Sisk and Kathleen Cullinen attended FNCE in Washington, DC on Oct 20-23 to begin promotion for the Guide. Kay and Kathleen spoke at the Hunger and Environmental Nutrition (HEN) Dietetic Practice Group (DPG), NDEP, and PHCNPG Executive Committee meetings. They shared an overview of the Guide, a one-page flyer and some preliminary materials of what the Guide will look like. They received a great response from the groups, who were all interested in disseminating the Guide to their membership.

- Kay and Kathleen also made contact with other groups who did not have formal meetings at FNCE to share information about the Guide. These included: The Sports, Cardiovascular, and Wellness Nutrition and Dietetics in Healthcare Communities DPGs, and the Committee for Public Health/Community Nutrition (PHCN).
- The professionally formatted Guide was officially launched in December 2018, and was packaged with a live webinar (1.5 CEU).

Excellence in Association Work

This award goes to an ASPHN member whose committee work or Board activities during the past year have made a major difference in moving forward ASPHN's goals and objectives.

Who would you like to nominate for the Excellence in Association Work award?

Was the work within an ASPHN committee (if so, which committee) or the Board of Directors?

Please describe this nominee's accomplishments. Include how the accomplishments assisted in moving the ASPHN mission forward.

Please include any additional information related to this award that you would like the selection committee to consider.

Takako Tagami, MS, MBA, RD, LD

Takako has been a strong advocate for ASPHN throughout her career. She has served in a variety of position within ASPHN, most notably and recently as President. In this role, Takako led the development of activities to promote member engagement. Under her leadership, the Association expanded their overall membership as well as the membership of the Councils.

Takako has also championed the early career development of future ASPHN members and leaders through the development of student scholarship opportunities and the expansion of membership categories to include more opportunities for young, emerging leaders in organizations such as state departments of education and Extension programs.

Takako has worked behind the scenes in many ways to assure that public health nutrition graduate students become engaged in ASPHN. Her involvement has gone beyond the official duties of offices that she has held, to a much more personal type of engagement and mentorship of young and emerging ASPHN leaders.

Excellence in Advocacy

This award recognizes someone who has made a significant contribution to the field of public health nutrition through advocacy, policy change, and/or collaborative work with decision makers. While the nomination of someone ancillary to the Association's membership will be considered, preference will be given to current ASPHN members.

Who would you like to nominate for the Excellence in Advocacy award? (If not an ASPHN member, you must include contact information).

Was the advocacy work performed at the state level or national level?

What partners were involved in the work? Please list.

Describe the advocacy work. Include:

- a. Who benefited from the work;**
- b. What area the advocacy work addressed;**
- c. What specific groups the work impacted.**

Please include any additional information related to this award that you would like the selection committee to consider.

Jennifer Young, Ed.D., MPH, RDN

School Wellness Policy Coordinator Oregon Department of Education ASPHN
Public Policy - Chair (2018-2019) ASPHN Public Policy - Co-chair (2017-2018)
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State level & national level

All organizations/Issues related to nutrition, food, and physical activities, and health, especially, CSPI, NWA, AND, etc... ASTHO. In her role as policy committee co-chair and chair, she has been involved with review for a significant number of sign on letters and ASPHN comments for national nutrition issues. While I was the ASPHN president in 217-2018, I was so impressed with her hard work and passion. Generally, there were not much time to respond to requests for comments or sign on letters . Jennifer always reviewed and responded to the requests in timely manner. ASPHN was able to responded to the requests because of her hard work and passion. She served many years as liaison to food marketing group convened by CSPI. She has collaborated with fruit & vegetable council to present policy webinars for February 2019 and May 2019. I appreciate her hard work and for teaching the current issues during the ASPHN BOD meeting.

a. Who benefited from the work: BOD members, ASPHN members, Nutritionists, RDS Citizen of the US. b. What area the advocacy work addressed: Food & Nutrition c. What specific groups the work impacted: anyone who work for Public Health Nutrition

Jennifer is a great nutrition leader. She is always willing to assist others as she had been helping / supporting my projects. She is a very thoughtful person and knowledgeable. I was so thankful for the opportunity to get to know her and work with her together.

Outstanding Leadership for the MCH Nutrition Council

This award honors a leader on the MCH Council (ASPHN member) for outstanding contribution to expanding ASPHN's purpose of improving the health and wellbeing of the MCH population.

Who would you like to nominate for the Outstanding Leadership for the MCH Nutrition Council award?

Please describe how this nominee has provided leadership to the MCH Nutrition Council.

List ways in which the nominee has moved the purpose of the Council forward. The MCH Nutrition Council exists to provide leadership to achieve optimal well-being through healthy eating and active living among the maternal and child health population, including those served by Title V/MCH Block Grant.

Please include any additional information related to this award that you would like the selection committee to consider.

Mikaela L. Schlosser

Mikaela has provided information on ND activities around the Children's Healthy Weight CoIIN, which focuses on breastfeeding. Breastfeeding is priority area in Title V Block grant, which funds Mikaela's position. Mikaela has been a very fair person, she will take the time to make sure you understand all about the Children's Healthy Weight CoIIN.

At the Board of Directors meeting in Tucson, Mikaela has decided to write down all of her duties as chair and the amount of time each duty takes so that MCH Board will have smooth transition from Mikaela to me as chair in August 2019. I will know what is expected of me! Thank you, Mikaela, for developing this document in order to assist me.

Outstanding Leadership for the National Fruit & Vegetable Nutrition Council

This award honors a leader on the National Fruit & Vegetable Nutrition Council (ASPHN member) for outstanding contribution to public health nutrition specifically related to increasing fruit and vegetable consumption. This award also recognizes the Council member's leadership role with federal partners and/or the National Fruit & Vegetable Nutrition Council.

Who would you like to nominate for the Outstanding Leadership for the National Fruit & Vegetable Nutrition Council award?

Please describe how this nominee has provided leadership to the National Fruit & Vegetable Nutrition Council. List ways in which the nominee has moved the purpose of the Council forward. The purpose of the Council is to provide its' members with leadership opportunities and to serve as an organized voice in decisions that affect national fruit and vegetable public health planning.

Please include any additional information related to this award that you would like the selection committee to consider.

Lisa Gemlo MPH, RD, LD

Program Coordinator | Comprehensive Cancer Control Minnesota Department of Health

Lisa is currently the F&V chair and has provided outstanding leadership particularly in focusing on council membership engagement. In the recent past, the F&V Council membership structure changed quite significantly. The membership went from a closed group open to one representative for each state, known as the states Fruit & Vegetable Coordinator, to opening its membership to any ASPHN member working in the fruit and vegetable space. Opening the membership was an essential move in light of shifts in federal and state funding and priorities, but this also created a need for increased communication with and among members to ensure the council is meeting membership needs. Lisa has worked hard as F&V Chair-Elect and now as Chair to create a new format to engage membership in meaningful, two-way communication through the addition of F&V Council Networking Calls. Lisa structured the Networking Calls to ensure open communication and to foster sharing among colleagues. The calls are a way for members to share about their work in a way that is more about the art than the science. The Networking Calls are still in their infancy but hold great potential for increasing authentic engagement of F&V Council members!

Outstanding Leadership for the Obesity Prevention Nutrition Council

This award honors a leader on the Obesity Prevention Nutrition Council (ASPHN member) for outstanding contribution to public health nutrition specifically related to obesity prevention.

Who would you like to nominate for the Outstanding Leadership for the Obesity Prevention Nutrition Council award?

Please describe how this nominee has provided leadership to the Obesity Prevention Nutrition Council.

List ways in which the nominee has moved the purpose of the Council forward. The purpose of the Obesity Prevention Nutrition Council is to strengthen policy, environmental change, programs and services exists to decrease obesity across the nation.

Please include any additional information related to this award that you would like the selection committee to consider.

Becky Adams, DrPH, RD, LD, CDE

Becky was responsible for initiating the work of the Obesity Council as she started and chaired the Obesity Prevention Committee. She worked with me (current chair) on the necessary steps to gain Council status. She is an active voice for obesity prevention in her state and as a representative to ASTHO.