

The Association of State Public Health Nutritionists Biographical Sketch of Candidates for 2025 Election

Candidate for the office of: Healthy Food, Active Communities
Council Chair-Elect

Name: Olutomisin (Tomi) Akanbi

Credentials: MS, RD

Title: Director, Health Equity Impact Assessment Unit

Agency: New York State Department of Health



ASPHN Activities:

- Governance Committee elected member, 2024-2025
- ASPHN Awards Selection Group, 2023
- Thoughtful Advisor (reviewed ASPHN health equity draft materials)
- Growing Leaders Program (currently called Courage in Leadership), 2020-2021
- ASPHN Annual Meeting participant

Briefly describe why you are interested in filling this position:

- My career has been dedicated to improving health outcomes and reducing health disparities in underserved communities by developing quality nutrition programming and advocating for a healthier food system. I have contributed to ASPHN in different ways and would like to get more involved with a council. I believe my experience facilitating meetings, hosting webinars, and being a member of nonprofit boards will benefit the Healthy Food Active Communities Council.

Other Related Activities (professional and/or personal):

- Co-Lead, Nutrition Security and Housing Security and Affordability Workgroup, New York State Health Improvement Plan, 2024-2025
- Board member, New York City Nutrition Education Network, 2021-2023
- New York City Metro Acting Chair, University of Chicago Association of Black Alumni Board of Directors, 2017-2019
- Preceptor for Dietetic Interns, 2014-2019