

## **The Association of State Public Health Nutritionists Biographical Sketch of Candidates for 2026 Election**

**Candidate for the office of:** Director at Large

**Name:** Melissa M. Lonsberry

**Credentials:** MS RDN

**Title:** Departmental Manager

**Agency:** Michigan Department of Education, Child and Adult Care Food Program



### **ASPHN Activities:**

- Fruit and Vegetable Council – Sequential Leadership Positions
- President-Elect, President, Current Past President of ASPHN
- Current and Past Governance Committee
- Past ASPHN Annual Conference Planning Committee Member
- Past Emerging Leaders Cohort

### **Briefly describe why you are interested in filling this position:**

- I am interested in this position because I strongly believe in the Association's mission to advance the profession of public health nutritionists. Throughout my career, I have seen firsthand how collaborative efforts and evidence-based practices can transform individuals and their communities. I am passionate about supporting the work of the Councils and Committees to amplify the impact of nutrition initiatives within the public health sphere. This role aligns with my commitment to improving population health and my desire to contribute meaningfully to the profession I deeply value.

### **Other Related Activities (professional and/or personal):**

- Over 20 years of experience in State Government
- Over 20 years of experience as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist