

# Public Health/Community Nutrition Practice Group

# Member Spotlight

## Angela M. Tagtow, MS, RD, LD

Angela (Angie) Tagtow was appointed the Executive Director for the [Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion \(CNPP\)](#) at the USDA in Washington, D.C, in July 2014. She is thrilled about the opportunity to work with a very dynamic team and to advance healthy nutrition messaging and dietary guidance across the country. Prior to her appointment, Angie worked in several positions, wearing many “hats”, in the fields of public health and community nutrition.



Angie’s first position as a registered dietitian was as a nutrition consultant for the [Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children \(WIC\)](#) at the Iowa Department of Public Health. Angie then served as a Food and Society Policy Fellow with the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy in Minnesota, and was the co-founder of the [Iowa Food Systems Council](#), as well as the co-founder and managing editor of the [Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition](#). Angie established [Environmental Nutrition Solutions, LLC](#), a consulting firm that provided partnership development, communication, education and policy services around sustainable, resilient and healthy food and water systems. Angie also served as a convener of the [Iowa Food Access and Health Work Group](#), and she was a project coordinator of [Cultivate Iowa](#), a food gardening and produce donation social marketing campaign. Angie recently served as a Senior Fellow, Endowed Chair with the [Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture](#) at the University of Minnesota and as a Food Systems Consultant for the Community Transformation Grant for the Iowa Department of Public Health. One of Angie’s favorite aspects of her work in the Iowa Department of Public Health was the diversity of the work, specifically the initiatives, partners and science involved. Additionally, she enjoyed the opportunity to introduce students, interns and new dietetics professionals to food and water systems.

Angie grew up in “cranberry bog country” in West-Central Wisconsin. Having a father who worked at the VA Medical Center, Angie was inspired to complete pre-med courses when she began college at the University of Northern Iowa. However, during her undergraduate studies, Angie became interested in the dietetic education program. Angie earned a Bachelor of Arts in Dietetics, and recognized her passion for health promotion. Upon graduation, rather than “jumping into an internship”, Angie began working as a program coordinator at the American Heart Association (AHA). It was during her time with the AHA that she realized the credibility, integrity and opportunities that the Registered Dietitian (RD) credential would provide. Angie completed a dietetic internship and earned a Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences Education from Iowa State University.

Angie has been a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for nearly 25 years, and joined the Public Health/Community Nutrition Practice Group (PHCNPG) early in her career because of the influence of her colleagues. Membership in PHCNPG has increased Angie’s professional network exponentially, and she enjoys knowing that other dietitians are doing similar work in the field.

Within the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Angie has served as Chair of the Hunger and Environmental Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group (HEN), Delegate to the House of Delegates, a member of the Sustainable Food Systems Task Force, and as a member of the Council on Future Practice Think Tank. Angie currently serves as Co-Chair for the development of the Standards of Professional Performance for Registered Dietitian Nutritionists in Sustainable, Resilient and Health Food and Water Systems. Additionally, Angie has served in several leadership positions with the Iowa Dietetic Association, including Nominations Chair, Board Member, Annual Meeting Marketing Chair, and Publications Task Force Member.

PHCNPG is proud of Angie's work and appreciates her contributions to public health and community nutrition!