

An Update from Your ASPHN Liaison

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The liaisons from the Public Health/Community Nutrition Practice Group (PHCNPG) and the Association of State Public Health Nutritionists (ASPHN) are excited to share what we have been working on this past spring and summer! Both groups have determined that the revision of the *Guidelines for Community Nutrition Supervised Experiences* is a priority, and support a collaborative revision. This document has served as an important training tool to build and develop critical skills for public health nutritionists, thereby gaining expertise in the field.

Originally authored in 1995, the *Guidelines* was created in response to the demand for guidance on training experiences from those working in public health nutrition. The document was offered as the first comprehensive

curriculum for enhancing the capacity of public health nutrition personnel to respond to the broad range of responsibilities demanded from this field. The 2nd edition of the *Guidelines* (available on the [PHCNPG website](#)) was published in 2003, and reflects the changes in public health nutrition over the previous decade.

Today, the paradigm holds true—much has changed in the public health arena over the past 10 years. Within the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the



Public Health Task Force is working to assist members to transition to work in the field of community nutrition and move public health forward. Revising the *Guidelines* at this time provides us with a unique opportunity to assist with that effort. The revision will provide an updated tool for numerous entities to use to develop the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to perform the role of a public health nutritionist.

A review committee has been established that consists of experts in the field of Public Health Nutrition, and represent a wide variety of organizations that share a similar mission (see below).

While assisting with this prestigious effort, the Review Committee is currently taking on the important task of updating this document to meet the current needs and demands of public health nutritionists with expected release in 2015.

Guidelines for Community Nutrition Supervised Experiences 3rd Edition Review Committee

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