The House of Delegates (HOD) conducted a dialogue on October 20, 2017 to address the mega issue question: How can nutrition and dietetics practitioners secure influential public health positions in institutions, organizations, and government bodies?

Based on the dialogue, a series of guiding principles were identified related to actions needed:

1. Public health nutrition is embedded in the Academy’s new strategic plan.
2. Public health affects all areas of nutrition and dietetics practice.
3. Individual members and the Academy need to work together to create and pursue opportunities that will help advance nutrition and dietetics practitioners to higher levels of public health leadership.

Therefore, be it resolved that the House of Delegates requests:

- **In collaboration, the Committee for Public Health/Community Nutrition and the Public Health and Community Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group:**
  - Describe what is meant by “high level public health leadership positions,” including sample position titles and brief descriptions; report this information to the House Leadership Team by May 31, 2018.
  - Finalize the Public Health Leadership Resources document; return it to the House Leadership Team by May 31, 2018 for dissemination to delegates and members.
  - Identify gaps in current resources and educational opportunities related to advancing nutrition and dietetics practitioners to higher level leadership positions in public health; report this information to the Academy organizational units by October 1, 2018.

- **The Membership Team, in collaboration with the Committee for Public Health/Community Nutrition, the Public Health and Community Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group, and the Marketing Team,** enhance the Academy’s e-mentoring program to help prepare mid- and advanced career nutrition and dietetics practitioners for advancing to higher levels of public health leadership.

- **The Academy’s Marketing and Strategic Communications Teams** execute an annual marketing campaign recognizing nutrition and dietetics practitioners in high-level public health leadership positions during Public Health Week in April.

- **The Academy’s Executive Team and Board of Directors** support an increase in nutrition and dietetics practitioners in roles of higher level leadership in public health by:
  - Assessing how the Committee for Public Health/Community Nutrition’s Purpose and Program of Work can positively impact this mega issue.
  - Identifying collaborators that can pave new pathways to increase the number of nutrition and dietetics practitioners in high level public health leadership positions, as well as capitalizing on the expertise of the Academy and its members.
- Developing and leveraging strategic alliances with public health organizations, offering members who serve as alliance representatives opportunities for visibility, recognition, leadership development, and professional growth.
- Using the Public Health Leadership Interview list to identify individuals for various opportunities with/for the Academy.
- **The Academy Membership Team** measure and track the number of nutrition and dietetics practitioners holding high level leadership positions in public health.
- **The Committee for Life Long Learning** use the gap analysis from the Committee for Public Health/Community Nutrition and the Public Health and Community Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group to develop Level 2 and Level 3 educational opportunities to help advance nutrition and dietetics practitioners to high level leadership positions in public health.
- **Affiliates, Dietetic Practice Groups, and Member Interest Groups** develop and report annually to the Academy the resources, alliances, and actions taken to help members advance to high level leadership positions in public health.
- **Delegates** lead and support efforts by their constituents to identify and pilot-test projects at the grassroots level aimed at increasing the number of nutrition and dietetics practitioners holding influential positions in public health; report results of successful pilot-projects to the House Leadership Team for possible scaling up.

**Originator:** HOD Leadership Team

Motion carried January 19, 2018