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Stacy Dean Receives 2023 Advisory Committee on Public Policy Health Promotion Policy Award

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (August 30, 2023) Each year, the Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior (SNEB) recognizes individuals or groups who have significantly contributed to creating and/or implementing policies or policy-based changes that support and positively impact the food and physical activity environment. The 2023 recipient of the Advisory Committee on Public Policy (ACPP) Health Promotion Policy Award is Stacy Dean. She received this award at the 2023 SNEB International Conference during the ACPP Plenary Session on July 22, 2023, in Washington, D.C.

Dean serves as the Deputy Under Secretary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, as appointed by President Biden. She works to increase nutrition assistance for struggling families and individuals, as well as tackle systemic racism and barriers to opportunity that have denied many the chance to get ahead.

"The Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior is a true leader in the nutrition space," said Dean. "Your efforts to promote the core competencies across the nutrition education are pivotal in ensuring that Americans everywhere have equitable access to science-based information."

"Deputy Under Secretary Dean is a well-recognized champion of federal nutrition assistance," said Sheila Fleischhacker, PhD, JD said. "In addition to her work on federal nutrition programs, Dean directed the Center on Budget and Policy Priority's efforts to integrate the delivery of health and human services programs at the state and local levels."

"The USDA is fully committed to using our leavers and touchpoints to help everyone in this country be healthy and thrive," Dean explained. "We can't afford to wait. Diet-related chronic diseases are the leading cause of illness in our country. Rates of type two diabetes and obesity among children are on the rise, and there are significant disparities in who's hit the hardest. It's why we're committed to continually improving the federal nutrition assistance programs to strengthen the public health impacts of this incredible suite of 16 programs working hand-in-hand with our partners."

The USDA's Focus on Nutrition Security works to end hunger and obesity through the administration of 16 federal nutrition assistance programs. To learn more, visit www.fns.usda.gov/programs.

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