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Re: Public Health Workforce Development Products and Tools Contribution Program

To Whom It May Concern:

The Ontario Society for Nutrition Professionals in Public Health (OSNPPH) represents nearly 180 members and is the independent and official voice of registered dietitians working in public health in Ontario. We write this letter in support of the funding proposal submitted by Dietitians of Canada (DC) titled "Operationalizing New Integrated Competencies for Dietetic Education and Practice related to Public Health Nutrition/Health Promotion, into Curriculum".

OSNPPH participated in the Pan Canadian Task Force on Public Health Nutrition Practice (the Task Force), Strengthening Public Health Nutrition Practice in Canada funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada. A key initiative of the Task Force was identification of competencies for dietitians in public health nutrition. These competencies were shared with the Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice (PDEP) who are developing a national set of integrated competencies that will prepare dietitians for entry-level practice. The competency work of the Task Force has been incorporated into the Foundation Knowledge and Health Promotion sections of the Integrated Competencies. Consultations held with key stakeholders identified challenges to the implementation of these competencies related to public health/community health within academic and practicum training programs.

DC's project submission focuses on providing supportive tools and resources to enhance the ability of academic and practicum programs to implement these public and community health competencies across Canada. As dietitians and nutritionists with experience in public and community health we are fully supportive of this approach and look forward to our participation in this project.

Sincerely,

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