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## MN Attends ACE

15 Members flew, drove or by other means made the trip to St. Louis to attend annual conference. The 59th Annual Conference “Gateway to foodservice excellence” provided members education and networking opportunities. Minnesota was proud to take home awards in Communications, Membership, as well as being recognized as a platinum chapter and Diamond Award Finalist!



## 2019/2020 Officers Sworn in

On June 7, 2019 Jess Weisbrich installed Jeffrey Wuollet in as Minnesota ANFP Chapter President. Jeffrey then installed new officers (Treasurer Karen Jacobs, Treasurer Elect Franki Lorenz and President Elect Tamralynn Koch). Various other committee chairs were assigned their new roles, annual goals and expectations and a small officer orientation took place ([click here to read the full board minutes](#))

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## #CDMsMatter

On July 16, 2019, CMS posted a document of PROPOSED changes to the Long-Term Care CoP's Conditions of Participation/Medicare and Medicaid Programs Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities.

One of the items CMS is proposing changes to is the education requirement for Director of Food and Nutrition Services. Their rationale is that stakeholders are ..."concerned about a workforce shortage of certified dietary managers and the financial costs imposed on existing experienced staff to obtain specialized training".

CMS acknowledges that set standards for the person leading the department is important and are putting forth suggestions for how to better reduce the burden by revising the standards to increase flexibility, the specifics being that a minimum standard be set.

It is important for everyone to understand that **the current rules are still in effect** and this is only a proposal that is open for comments. Once the comment period is over, CMS will review and thoroughly vet them before any decisions and rule changes will be made. This is a common political process.

Please know that ANFP is actively reviewing this proposal and will be submitting comments in support of the current requirements and the CDM, CFPP credential. In our comments we will be sharing data to address their financial concerns. This comes from both our LTC Benchmarking Program and the data we analyze from the CMS Database that ANFP leases, and from which we develop dashboards to help navigate this large database. Additionally, we will address the CDM, CFPP Scope of Practice, which demonstrates the ability of the CDM, CFPP to participate in the IDT when the RDN is not available. We feel confident that our comments will resonate with CMS, much like our comments submitted during the original Rules comment period.

### **What can you do as a CDM, CFPP or industry stakeholder?**

**Comment** on the [regulations page!](#)

