# **Candidate Bios**

## **KANSAS ANFP**

### For the office of President Elect



#### Donna Bateman, CDM, CFPP

I am extremely honored to run for the office of President. I currently serving as Past President for the ANFP Kansas. I have been Certified Dietary Manager for 21 years. I attended Washburn University for the Dietary Managers and graduated in May of 1999. In December of 2007 I graduated from Baker University with a Bachelor in Business Administration. I have been employed in Food & Nutrition Services for 44 years, 35 years with School Food Nutrition Services, and I work in skilled homes and Hospital, for 25 years. I have served as President for the School Nutrition Association of Kansas, District Director and Supervisor representative, Northeast Area Representative for 4 years, and several committees. I am currently Past President of the East District and I have served as President and President- elect for the Kaw Valley District. I have served as secretary for Kaw Valley. I have served on the local & state committees of Impact & Education. I am currently employed with Unidine/ Lawrence Memorial Hospital as Patient Experience Manager.



**Jennifer Harris,** CDM, CFPP

I have lived in Humboldt Kansas for 20 years. I have worked in Foodservice for 16 years. I became a Certified Dietary Manager 7 years ago. I currently work for Independence Medicalodges. I have volunteered many years helping with our annual Day at the Capitol and our PAC booth at the KHCA convention.

## For the office of Secretary



**Leslie Hamilton,** CDM, CFPP

Thank you for this opportunity to run for the Secretary position for the Kansas ANFP State Board. This is a prestigious uplifting opportunity for me in my career. I (Leslie A. Hamilton), am the youngest of eleven siblings. My Grandfather was a Preacher and Farmer, my Grandmother was a devoted Christian. My father was baptist and song in the choir. My mother was a devoted Catholic. She sent all her children to a private catholic school, even though she didn't have much money, my mother worked hard as a cook at Crestview Country Club, and Caregiver in Wichita, Ks.

I started working in long term care over 25 years ago as a Dietary Aide. I was eventually promoted to Cook position up to Assistant Dietary Manager. I went to the Dietary Manager's at Central Votech in Wichita, Ks. 1994.

I became a Certified Dietary Manager and I greatly enjoyed managing a crew in the overall food production experiences. I also enjoyed cooking and baking at the facilities.

I had mentor several of my staff members at different facilities to advance into a Dietary Manager's Certification program. I had explained to a few of my staff that if I had started as a Dietary Aide in this industry career choice and worked hard to achieve a Food Service Management position then if I can do it, they can also achieve their goals though hard work, dedication, focus and ambition.

I am currently on the building committee board that had designed and build our church, Holy Savior Catholic Church. Our parish is still in the planning stage of completing several building projects at our church.

I work as a Usher/ Hospitality at church services at my parish. I am a member of the Knights of Columbus, a catholic charity organization. I am currently a third degree knight. I also had obtained my medication aide certification that recently expired due to my working as food service manager. I do also work part time as a certified nurse assistant and certified Homehealthcare Aide for about 17 years plus. I had taken care of several clients in their homes with client's diagnosis ranging from Lou Gehrig disease to multiple sclerosis and being paralyzed from the waist down needing assistance in their homes.

I enjoy working with clients and providing nutritional and in home nursing care.

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**Leonard Turpen,** CDM, CFPP

I would be honored to serve as Secretary for ANFP Kansas.

I have been a CDM since 1997 and active in the food industry for over 55 years. I received my Hospitality Management Degree from Johnson County Community College in 1997. I have worked at Medicalodges Alzheimer's, Leavenworth, Gardner, and Eudora. I am now working on getting an interim CDM pool started for the state of Kansas. My history also includes having two restaurants of my own, one in Salina, Kansas and one in Kansas City, Missouri.

I have been state president four terms 2013,16,17,& 18 bringing Kansas the national platinum award each year, I have been the PAC chairman at the national level through 2019. I have been district president of the Jayhawk Chapter, and have also been the Secretary/Treasurer in the past. I have organized chapter meetings and state workshops over the past years, and our 50th anniversary celebration with the (Jayhawk) East district. I have also constructed promotional advertisements and newsletters for our chapter. One state meeting Congressman Dennis Moore spoke for us and we voiced our ANFP concerns along with participating "A Day at the Capital". Our district also received three Sunflower Awards for 2008-2010 as a winning team.

Long-term care, hospitals, schools, prisons, orphanages or any other nutritional service that we are employed within must understand our importance. This is what makes a CDM proud of their role they perform everyday. We should be deeply involved with each resident's nutritional needs and development.

I will work hard for the state of Kansas to continue being a front-runner in the ANFP.

*Please follow the directions below and exercise your right to vote.* 

#### **Instructions for completing the ballot:**

- 1. Read the bio for each candidate to make a wise choice.
- 2. Check mark on line in front of your candidate choice.
- 3. If writing in a candidate, name must be written on line under appropriate office and box checked.
- 4. Place ballot in sealed envelope.
- 5. On the OUTSIDE of the envelope, place name and member ID

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#### **President Elect:**

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