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# Hot Topics in Nutrition Policy

— MAND Public Policy Panel —

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# Public Policy Panel



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# Objectives

1. State two ways in which the policy panel engages MN nutrition professionals and students in policy advocacy.
2. Identify at least three current policy issues impacting the nutrition profession.
3. Feel empowered to advocate for issues and build/maintain relationships with your state and federal legislators.

# What do we do?

We are busy advocating for pro-nutrition legislation throughout the year!



**Nutrition and Dietetics Advocacy Summit 2019**



**ANDPAC event for U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum 2019**



**Nutrition and Dietetics Advocacy Summit 2022**

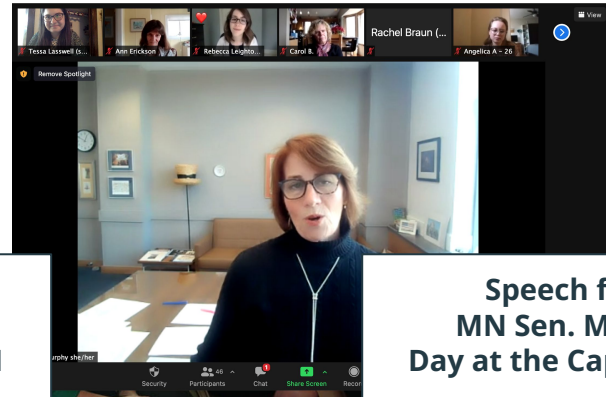


Senator Steve Cwodzinski



Jana Dengel

**Legislative visit with MN Sen. Cwodzinski Day at the Capitol 2021**



**Speech from MN Sen. Murphy Day at the Capitol 2021**

# Current Issues in Nutrition Policy

## Federal:

- MNT Act
- Child Nutrition Reauthorization
- Diabetes Self-Management Training
- USDA Waiver Authority
- School Food Modernization
  - Introduced by Sen. Smith (MN) and Sen. Collins (ME).

## State:

- Healthy Climate Action
- School Nutrition
- HERO Pay
- Licensure (not MN)

**Group 1**

**MNT Act**

**Group 3**

**State Nutrition  
Priorities**

**Group 2**

**School and  
Federal Nutrition  
Programs**

# Next Steps

1. Action Alerts
2. Build/maintain relationships with your state and federal legislators.
3. Attend MAND policy events!
4. Consider applying to be a part of the MAND Public Policy Panel (see us for details).

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### Action Center

Hi Angelica in Rochester, MN!

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### Compose Your Message

- Senator Amy Klobuchar
- Senator Tina Smith

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#### Message Body

As a member of the Academy and your constituent, I am writing today to urge you and your colleagues to extend the authority of the Secretary of USDA beyond June 30 to issue much needed nationwide waivers to

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# Thank you!

— Q&A Time —

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