

VAND Outcomes Committee

As part of the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan, the VAND Board added an Outcomes Committee whose Chair reports to the State Policy Representative, (Angie Hasemann most recently and now Kelsey Guth). The Outcomes Committee is devoted to identifying and reporting past and current studies and projects that measure the impact RDNs have on promoting the health of Virginians.

Committee Membership: Chaired by former VAND President Nicole Brown, MS, RDN, ACSM EP-C Owner of For the Health of It!, private practice; Janet Gloeckner, PhD, RDN, Director Dietetics Program, JMU; Kelly Leonard, RD, Children's Hospital, Richmond, outpatient; Susan Lessar MS, RD, CNSC, Valley Health Director, nutrition therapy; Sarah Novelly, MS, RDN, Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Harrisonburg inpatient/outpatient. Members of this committee represent a variety of areas of the profession and provide a diverse perspective of the impact RDNs are making within the profession and on the lives of patients and clients.

Current Committee Projects:

- Create an Outcomes Section on the VAND Website
- Implement a survey to track outcomes of members and non-members
 - This 10 minute survey will gather information regarding projects and studies conducted by RDNs that promote the health of Virginians. With the submitter's permission, the information provided will be posted on the VAND website, allowing it to be a resource for outcome information and provide ideas for future project implementation, public policy and promoting RDNs as the nutrition experts.

- Private Practice RDN Study: The committee is seeking 20 private practice RDNs (PPRDNs) from Virginia to participate in a study measuring the impact PPRDNs have on the health of Virginians using the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Health Informatics Infrastructure (ANDHII). Both VAND members and non-members are welcome to join the study. For more information please contact Nicole Brown 703-969-6114 nicole.nutrition.fitness@gmail.com.
- Be on the lookout for additional information from the Outcomes Committee. We are devoted to making dietitians the number one resource for nutrition information and tracking our impact on the health of clients and patients, and delineating our value as nutrition professionals.

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