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Biographical Sketch

Susie Nanney is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine & Community Health, Program in Health Disparities Research and Adjunct Assistant Professor in Epidemiology and Community Health, School of Public Health at University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is a Registered Dietitian. Her research focuses on food and nutrition policy, obesity prevention interventions in community settings and translation and dissemination research. Dr. Nanney received a Ph.D. in Behavioral Science and Public Health from the School of Public Health, Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Nanney recently completed a 5-year NCI K07 Career Development Award to transition from individual to environment and policy interventions. Dr. Nanney has published 30 papers, primarily focused on school food and nutrition policy implementation and evaluation and community-based obesity prevention interventions, especially partnering with communities most at risk. Her research and publications also include work in the application of Institute of Medicine evidence-based recommendations in early care, school, and afterschool settings. Her work has been cited in supplement issues in Translational Behavioral Medicine and Obesity, and currently provides reviews for school health, dietetics and public health journals. While an early career investigator, Dr. Nanney has served as a principal investigator or co-investigator on over 10 funded proposals supported by NIH, RWJF, University of Minnesota Clinical and Translational Science Institute and local agencies. Her recent funding involves partnering with Minnesota State Legislators to develop a system to quickly transfer research evidence to advocacy groups and policymakers. Dr. Nanney has provided testimony on research findings from 3 of her studies to the Minnesota Legislature. She was also granted a New Connections Award as a first generation college student by RWJF Healthy Eating Research. Dr. Nanney has served on review panels in an adhoc capacity for NIH, CDC, RWJ, including mentored training mechanisms and the Minnesota State Health Department. She has been invited to participate in national and state advisory groups on her work in childhood obesity prevention and policy research. She was an invited organizer for a webinar series on Policy Evaluation, a NIH-CDC-RWJF collaborative.

Personal Statement

I have been a member of SBM since 2003. In 2004 the SBM awarded me the Pro-Change Research to Practice Award for my research on translation and dissemination of evidence-based obesity prevention curriculum. I have served on the Health Policy Committee since 2007, including serving as a mentored co-Chair for a term. Recently, our committee published a paper together, “Behavior Matters” in American Journal of Preventive Medicine, 2011. I have served as program committee member and chair of the Population, Health Policy and Advocacy Track since 2008. Through these experiences as an early career faculty member, the Society has supported my career development. I am honored to be
nominated for Member Delegate and if elected, look forward to supporting the goals of the Society and planning new opportunities. **In particular, I will advocate for the purposeful inclusion and development of early career members in all levels of the Society.** For example, advocate for mentored opportunities to serve as committee and SIG co-Chairs, journal editorial experiences, and to participate on special projects. In addition, consistent with my vision for the field and Society, I will advocate for the application of behavioral research evidence that supports policy decision making and innovative translation and dissemination methods of research evidence for decision makers, especially those impacting health disparities. I welcome the opportunity to give back to the Society that has given so much to me.