



**Name: CDR Jenna Cope**

**Position: Dietitian Officer Representative**

Jenna Cope is a Senior Program Management Officer and Grants Coordinator in the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth at Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She is a Commander (CDR) in the United States Public Health Service.

Prior to joining HRSA in September 2020, CDR Cope spent over three years as a Public Health Nutritionist and Registered Dietitian with Indian Health Service at Northern Navajo Medical Center in Shiprock, New Mexico. She also was detailed for over six months on Navajo Nation as a Public Information Officer on the Shiprock Service Unit COVID-19 Incident Command Team and deployed three times in 2021 to support the COVID-19 and Unaccompanied Children responses.

Prior to working in the federal government, CDR Cope worked at a Fortune 500 food company in Regulatory, Public Policy, and Nutrition, Health & Wellness. CDR Cope completed her Bachelors in Nutrition & Dietetics with a Minor in Health & Exercise Science from Messiah College, attended College of Saint Elizabeth for her Dietetic Internship, and received her Masters in Public Health, with Certificates in Health Education & Promotion and Health Management & Policy, from Benedictine University. She also obtained her Certified Health Educator Specialist (CHES) credential in 2019.

CDR Cope is the Dietitian Representative on the COA Board of Directors and the Chair of the COA Communications and Public Relations Committee. She looks forward to supporting communication in and about the Commissioned Officers Association and the broader U.S. Public Health Service.

## **Position Statement**

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I am writing to submit a self-nomination to serve as a Dietitian Officer Representative on the Commissioned Officers Association (COA) Board of Directors. This opportunity aligns with my desire to contribute to the U.S. Public Health Service Commission Corps' mission of protecting, promoting, and advancing the health and safety of our Nation. My experience includes my current work as a Senior Public Health Analyst in the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth at the Health Resources and Services Administration, as well as past experience as Public Health Nutritionist at Northern Navajo Medical Center with the Indian Health Service, and at a Fortune 500 company (Nestlé Nutrition US / Gerber Products Company). I have a strong desire to apply my personal and professional experiences to serve others and reach communities.

Through continued involvement as a Governing Body member as Executive Secretary with the Diet-PAC, I saw the invaluable role that COA plays in the trajectory of an officer's career. The resources, such as Frontline, allow officers to have a voice by reading and sharing personal accounts of the differences that officers are making in the lives of people each and every day. Legislatively, I have seen and felt the results of some of the recent work that COA contributed, such as allowing officers to keep annual leave up to 120 days. Locally, volunteering with the Four Corners Commissioned Officers Association COA showed the invaluable role officer coordination locally can do for the community and support for officers. Nationally, the Frontline Lead for the Awards Committee within COA has given me perspective on how to elevate officers and their work, as well as how COA functions at a broader level.

My leadership roles within my Category, JOAG, PHS more broadly and involvement with COA will be a contribution to COA. I have a significant interest in strategic planning, listening to officers and developing practical solutions through partnerships and collaboration. I look forward to continuing to contribute through being a voice for officers in my Category and throughout the country, elevating the work, the voice and potential of PHS.