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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES



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SAMUEL J. CRUMBINE MEDAL

Linda Kenney

Linda Kenney receives the 2009 Samuel Crumbine Medal for her dedication and achievement in the field of maternal and child health (MCH). Over the course of her career, she has provided leadership for priority setting, planning, and policy development to support community efforts to assure the health of women, children, youth, and their families. She also serves as a mentor for practitioners working with these populations in local and state health departments.

Under Linda's thoughtful and visionary leadership, the health of families in Kansas has been enhanced through several significant initiatives. Responding to the need for preventative oral health for the MCH population, Linda created the position of Oral Health Consultant which paved the way for the creation of a fully staffed Office of Oral Health within the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. This department is now implementing statewide oral health initiatives, including regional dental hygienists that work with other health providers to increase capacity in a variety of health and community settings to meet the oral health needs of pregnant women and children.

As a result of innovative conceptual planning by Linda, Kansas has also made steady progress in developing program capacity to collect and analyze MCH data and to monitor trends in child health that guide program and public policy decision-making. Linda has shifted resources to support two epidemiology positions to provide guidance and technical support for MCH staff to work with local and state programs. This gives them the opportunity to improve their ability to gather and understand data.

Other key contributions Linda has made to MCH in Kansas include writing the grant for Kansas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (KECCS). This addresses Kansas's fragmented system of early childhood care and education systems by bringing stakeholders from private and public agencies into collaborative discussion and planning for a coordinated system of service delivery. The KECCS plan has served as the model for the vision and implementation of initiatives to address health insurance and medical homes, mental health and social-emotional development, early care and education services, parent education, and family supports.

Linda has also promoted and supported breastfeeding efforts, including the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition, and has worked with stakeholders and

policy-makers to create a comprehensive statewide newborn screening program.

Linda serves as Director of the Bureau of Family Health as well as the Kansas Title V Director at KDHE, a position she has held since 2000. From 1989-2000, she was the Director of the Children and Families Section in the Bureau, primarily responsible for services to pregnant women and infants, children and adolescents, and women's health. She has held positions as director of a state breast and cervical cancer screening program, director of a state mental hospital-community transition project, case management supervisor for a community disability organization, and director of a local family planning clinic. She has been an active member of the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA), including service as a board member. She has served on a number of state and federal advisory groups relating to maternal and child health. She holds an MPH degree in Health Services Administration from the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and a bachelor's degree from Indiana University.

Linda Kenney exemplifies the mission of the Bureau of Family Health, which is to provide leadership to enhance the health of Kansas women and children through partnerships with families and communities. Linda has provided and continues to provide meritorious service to assure that the healthcare needs of Kansas families are well served. For that we extend her our gratitude and are delighted to award her the 2009 Samuel Crumbine Medal.

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Jack Brown

Jack Brown, Research Instructor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita, has dedicated more than 30 years of service to public health. He is a registered sanitarian and longtime advocate for improved environmental health for Kansans.

Jack began his career in public health as Water Quality Supervisor in the Wichita-Sedgwick County Department of Community Health in 1975. In 1981 he was promoted to the Chief of Environmental Services, and from 1990 to 2004 he served as Director of Environmental Health at the Wichita-Sedgwick County Department of Community Health.

Post retirement, he has remained an active public health supporter as the project manager of the Gilbert Mosely groundwater remediation project. He has also supported public health education, teaching in the Environmental Studies program at Friends University from 1990 to the present day. He has served as a Research Instructor for the MPH program at the KU School of Medicine-Wichita since 1992, and in 2009 began teaching environmental health for the Kansas Core Public Health Program.

DOROTHY WOODIN AWARD

Vicki Barnes

Vicki Barnes has dedicated 30 years to public health nursing. She completed a bachelor's degree in nursing at Pittsburgh State University in 1977 and began serving the Labette County Health Department as a maternal child nurse in 1978. After two years, Vicki became a nursing instructor, teaching satellite courses to students in Montgomery County. Following a move to Johnson County, Vicki worked in hospital and private duty nursing settings. Her experience during that time included ICU, cardiac, hospice care, and pediatrics, in which she used her public health knowledge of developmental screenings and community education.

She returned to public health in 1986 by joining the Johnson County Health Department as a child care facilities surveyor. Vicki has established seniority among the current staff of surveyors, which has grown during her tenure from two to twelve. Vicki has obtained certifications in child care health consultation from the University of North Carolina in 1999 and playground safety in 2002 from the University of Iowa. She also earned a certificate in public health from the KU Public Management Center in 2006 and has taken graduate courses in adult education. In 1999, Vicki was asked to participate as a speaker in a video presentation created by KDHE covering child care licensure and regulatory information.

With extensive experience and a desire to educate child care providers, Vicki has created multiple trainings and reference sheets in areas such as fire safety, injury prevention, and hand washing. She has traveled across Kansas to educate health departments, communities, and businesses, and she considers the "called and committed impact on children and providers" a highlight of her career. In 2005, Vicki became the primary surveyor for all initial home visits, thus ensuring that Johnson County providers beginning a child care career receive a thorough, consistent start. Vicki shares the consultation checklist that she developed in 1998 with these providers, and it has also been submitted to KDHE for use statewide.

Vicki has taught classes on recognizing the signs and symptoms of childhood disease for 22 years. She currently serves as the secretary for the Johnson County Fire and Burn Prevention committee and coordinator for all child care classes that the health department offers. Although she is now eligible to retire, Vicki continues to enjoy her interactions with child care providers and families. Through her sincere heart and public health nursing expertise, Vicki has truly impacted the health, safety, and well being of children in Kansas.

VIRGINIA LOCKHART HEALTH EDUCATION AWARD

Karen Oller

For her longtime service as a public health educator, Karen Oller receives the 2009 Virginia Lockhart Health Education Award. Karen presently serves as the administrator of the Comanche County Health Department, wearing the hats of public health nurse, school nurse, public health educator, and emergency preparedness coordinator, among many others.

Before Karen began working in Comanche County, residents were without staff to provide public health services and had to leave the county for such essentials as WIC and immunizations. Karen took on the position of administrator and RN, making a career change and a move to rural Kansas at a time she was also a new bride. She handled all of these life changes with excitement, enthusiasm, and humor, earning the respect of community members as well as her fellow health workers.

During her time at the Comanche County Health Department, Karen has implemented a number of significant health education initiatives for different age groups. These include courses on Red Cross basic aid training, hygiene, asthma, and bullying for children of elementary school age and education on bloodborne pathogens for school district employees. She also writes newspaper articles on current health concerns, speaks to community groups about health issues, and takes care to keep day care providers informed about health issues and regulations. She is always willing to provide health education to individuals who come to the health department with questions.

She has been described by her partners in Comanche, Kiowa, and Harper Counties as “exceptionally strong, smart, caring, funny, and compassionate.” Karen will soon be retiring, but her achievements and influence in the field of health education will long be felt.

JANE ADDAMS AWARD

Anne Nelson

Anne Nelson, LMFT, is the Associate Executive Director of the Central Plains Regional Health Care Foundation in Wichita, Kansas. For nearly 25 years, Anne has had a key role in improving the health and well-being of the community through a social service lens.

Anne's work history includes service as the Director of the Kansas Child Abuse Prevention Council (KCAPC) Parent Helpline, the Salvation Army's Family In-Home Services Treatment Coordinator, and the South Central Kansas Area Manager of Kansas Children's Service League. Since 1999, Anne has worked within the Central Plains Regional Health Care Foundation and has helped to launch, navigate, and sail the Project Access program. Project Access is a community-based, physician-led initiative that connects uninsured adult residents of Sedgwick County with medical services from physicians, hospitals, durable medical equipment companies, and pharmaceuticals.

Since 1999, more than 8,200 patients have been enrolled into Project Access. This ongoing collaboration requires coordination with more than 500 physicians, 72 pharmacies, six safety net clinics, area hospitals, ambulatory and specialized surgery centers, and rehabilitation centers. Anne manages the organization of this complex effort and also handles contract and grant negotiation and oversight, community partnerships, and public relations and technical assistance services for other communities.

Several other innovative programs that Anne has developed and implemented in partnership with community agencies and coalitions include: Call-a-Nurse, a dental services program, case management of uninsured use of emergency department services, the Clinics Patient Index linking Sedgwick County safety net clinics, and the Charisma Salus database that manages Project Access client information.

Nationally recognized as the "IT" girl for launching and maintaining Project Access programs, Anne provides local and national presentations as the organization's representative. She has served as a technical advisor to approximately 80 other communities developing similar models. Currently, Anne is also shepherding a community-wide exploration of health-care coverage for uninsured adults.

Anne is a dynamic individual and a force for change. As an avid listener and translator of diverse ideas, she has become a master facilitator of community partnerships, and Kansas is fortunate to have her.

CORPORATE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AWARD

Kansas National Guard

For their strong support and partnership with public health preparedness and response efforts, the Kansas National Guard (KNG) receives the Corporate Public Health Service Award. Support of public health efforts extends to all levels of the KNG, including Major General Tod Bunting, General Deborah Rose, LTC John Ginzel, LTC Les Gellhaus, and many more commissioned and non-commissioned members of various units.

During the disasters of 2007, the KNG provided logistical support to a number of health and medical missions, including transporting vaccines, establishing EMEDS in Greensburg when the community hospital was destroyed by a tornado, and providing generators to hospitals to serve as daily warming stations for community members. KNG has continuously played a role in the Kansas Strategic National Stockpile Program through the planning stages and supporting a number of exercises related to a push-package deployment.

Most recently, KNG provided personnel and equipment to support the spring antiviral distribution efforts related to the H1N1 influenza outbreak. This support was invaluable to efforts to distribute antiviral medications quickly and efficiently to the entire state of Kansas. KNG's immediately available manpower, combined with their ability to rapidly configure appropriate workspace, helped ensure the success of the distribution.

KNG continues to be key to the success of all public health emergency responses in Kansas and deserves acknowledgment for their ongoing contributions.

KANSAS PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
CYCLE VI GRADUATES

Lorraine Baughman, Rooks County Health Department

Leslie Berryhill, Wichita Area Technical College

Julie Broski, KU Medical Center

April Dixon, KDHE Bureau of Environmental Field Studies

Will Evans, Cleveland Chiropractic College

Sharolyn Jackson, K-State Research & Extension, Northeast Area

Rebecca Gillam, University of Kansas

Nicole Heim, NHPH Consulting

Christine McPheter, K-State Research & Extension, Meade County

Tim Norton, Sedgwick County Government

Kelley Rogers-Graham, Wichita Women's Initiative Network

Paula Rowden, Stevens County Health Department

Christy Schunn, SIDS Network of Kansas

Shannon Steinbauer, KDHE Bureau of Environmental Health

Chris Tilden, KDHE Bureau of Local and Rural Health

The KPHLI faculty and staff would like to congratulate these scholars upon their successful completion of Cycle VI.

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2009 KPHA AWARDS

SAMUEL J. CRUMBINE MEDAL

The highest award given by the Kansas Public Health Association is presented for meritorious service and state, regional, or national recognition related to the improvement of the health of Kansans and/or the environment of the state.

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to individuals who have rendered outstanding service to Kansas in the interest of public health and/or environmental improvement.

DOROTHY WOODIN AWARD

Awarded to a public health nurse for outstanding public health nursing services.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Awarded at the discretion of the association's president to acknowledge special accomplishments of an individual or organization towards improving the public's health in Kansas.

VIRGINIA LOCKHART HEALTH EDUCATION AWARD

Awarded to an individual for outstanding service in public promotion of health and/or environmental issues.

JANE ADDAMS AWARD

Awarded to an individual social worker who exemplifies the qualities of Jane Addams. These qualities include having a pioneering spirit, being a trailblazer, and striving to improve the health of the poor and sanitary conditions of communities.

CORPORATE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to a company or organization, which, through public policy activities, makes a significant contribution to the mission of public health and/or environmental improvement in Kansas.

