



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

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PORTLAND AREA
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
1220 SW 3RD AVENUE, Room 476
PORTLAND, OREGON 97204

Dear Tribal Leaders, Tribal Health Directors, and NPAIHB Delegates:

The Portland Area Indian Health Service is now accepting nominations of Area Tribal, Urban, and Federal staff of Indian health programs and organizations to be recognized for their fiscal year 2010 accomplishments and contributions. Please take a moment to reflect on your experiences with Area Tribal, Urban, and Federal staff during the past year and nominate those who you believe deserve recognition. Although service units, district/field offices, and Tribal and Urban health programs have their own awards programs, it is important that there be an opportunity for those whose accomplishments merit Area-wide recognition.

Enclosed you will find a nomination form and a description of the various awards. There are several award categories, only a few of which are restricted to staff of the Area Office. To foster the widest application possible, the criteria for the different awards are deliberately broad. Nonetheless, as you consider possible nominees for particular awards, please be mindful of the stated purposes and targets of the award categories. Also, please note that the nominations must have the concurrence of the nominee's supervisor.

In keeping with past practice, award recipients will be honored at the Area Director's awards ceremony on Friday, November 19, 2010 in Portland, Oregon.

Please distribute this information to staff at your location. Nominations are due by close of business Friday, September 17, 2010. You can e-mail nominations to Rachel.Smith@ihs.gov or Gene.Kompkoff@ihs.gov. Or mail your completed nomination forms to:

Rachel Smith, Project Management Financial Technician
Office of Environmental Health and Engineering
Portland Area Indian Health Service
1414 NW Northrup, Suite 800
Portland, OR 97209

Nominations can also be faxed to Rachel Smith at (503) 326-7280 *until Friday, July 30, 2010.*

If you have questions, please contact a member of the Awards Committee:

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Committee members can be reached via telephone at the above numbers until Friday, August 6, 2010. Due to relocation of the Area Office, office telephone numbers will be changing. After Monday, August 9, dial (503) 414-5555 to receive a staff directory showing the committee members' new numbers.

Staff throughout the Portland Area, whether at the Area Office, service units, district/field offices, Tribal or Urban health programs work diligently to meet the health care needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Now is the time to recognize those among us whose work during the past fiscal year has been truly outstanding. Please take the time to show your appreciation of those who have demonstrated exemplary dedication to our collective mission by completing and submitting a nomination form.

Sincerely,



Doni Wilder

Enclosures

**Portland Area Indian Health Service
2010
Area Director's Awards Ceremony**

Location to be Determined
Friday, November 19, 2010

Contributions to Improvement in Indian Health

This award provides recognition to Portland Area IHS employees who contribute positively to improve the health and welfare of Native Americans.

Area Office Staff and Service Unit Staff Only

Superior Customer Service

Provides recognition to Portland Area IHS employees who exhibit exceptional qualities in providing customer service to both external and internal PAO customers.

Area Office Staff Only

Exemplary Support

This award provides recognition to Portland Area IHS employees who provide exemplary support to managerial staff and program objectives.

Area Office Staff Only

Exceptional Performance

This award provides recognition to Portland Area IHS employees whose process improvement increases the overall effectiveness of the Portland Area IHS.

Area Office Staff Only

Managerial Excellence

Provides recognition to the planners and decision-makers within the Portland Area who play roles in the successful management of limited IHS resources.

Area Office Staff Only

**Area Office Employee of the Year
Service Unit Employee of the Year
Tribal Health Program Employee of the Year
Urban Indian Health Program Employee of the Year**

Individual awards in each category provide recognition to an IHS Area Office, Service Unit, Tribal Health, and Urban Health Program employee who demonstrates the highest level of professionalism.

Area Office Staff, Service Unit Staff, OEHE District and Field Office Staff, Tribal Health Program Staff, Urban Health Program Staff

Outstanding Group Performance

Recognizes that cooperation, mutual trust, and cohesiveness are necessary elements for effective teamwork.

Area Office Staff, Service Unit Staff, OEHE District and Field Staff, Tribal Health Program Staff, Urban Health Program Staff teams, groups, or committees

Clinician of the Year

Provides recognition to PAO IHS, Tribal Health Program, or Urban Health Program clinicians who demonstrate a strong commitment toward improvement of Native American health and welfare.

Medical staff from Service Units, Tribal Health Programs, and Urban Health Programs

Area Director's Award for Excellence

The person selected to receive this award represents the very best qualities, traits, professionalism, and general conduct to be expected of an employee of the Portland Area Indian Health Program. Through their efforts, a significant contribution was made to improve the health of the Native American people of the Northwest.

All staff from the Area Office, Service Units, Tribal Health Programs, Urban Health Programs, and OEHE District and Field Offices

Exceptional Leadership in Health & Wellness Initiatives

Recognizes an individual or group who provides exceptional leadership in promoting effective health and wellness initiatives for Portland Area IHS, Tribal Health Program, Urban Health Program staff and the communities they serve.

Area Office Staff, Service Unit Staff, OEHE District and Field Office Staff, Tribal Health Program Staff, Urban Health Program Staff

**PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
2010 AREA DIRECTOR'S AWARDS
NOMINATION AND APPROVAL FORM**

1. Employee's, First, Last and Middle Initial		2. Organization	
3. Period Covered in Nominations (month, year)			
From		To:	
4. Name of Award and Award Justification (use additional page as needed):			
5. Citation: Summarize employee(s) contribution (use additional pages as needed):			
6. Number of Employees (if group):		7. Names of Employees (if group):	
8. Initiating or Nominating Official Name/Title/Signature: _____ Date: _____			
9. Nominee's Supervisor's signature (if different from #8): _____ Date: _____			
-----TO BE COMPLETED BY AREA OFFICE STAFF-----			
9. Peer Recognition Award Endorsements Only:			
Signature	Date	Signature	Date
10. Reviewing, Recommending, or Endorsing Official's Name/Title/Signature/Date (if required)			
Date			
11. Area Director's Signature/Date:			
Doni Wilder, Director		Date:	

Please mail to Rachel Smith or Gene Kompkoff, Portland Area IHS, 1220 SW Third, Rm 476, Portland, OR 97204 *until August 6, 2010* or fax to Rachel at (503) 326-7280. *After August 6, 2010 mail to 1414 Northrup, Suite 800, Portland, OR 97209 or call (503) 414-5555 for the new fax number.*

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**Area Director's
Awards Ceremony**

Friday, November 19, 2010

LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

Nomination Deadline:

Friday, September 17, 2010

Nomination Categories:

**Contributions to Improvement in Indian Health
Superior Customer Service
Exemplary Support
Exceptional Performance
Managerial Excellence
Area Office Employee of the Year
Service Unit Employee of the Year
Tribal Health Program Employee of the Year
Urban Indian Health Program Employee of the Year
Outstanding Group Performance
Clinician of the Year
Area Director's Award for Excellence
Exceptional Leadership in Health & Wellness Initiatives**

See the Area website for more information or contact:

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