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To: California Health Professionals
Public Health Organizations
All CDPH and DHCS Stakeholder Groups
Community Organizations and Partners

Subject: 2018 Beverlee A. Myers Award for Excellence in Public Health



CDPH Director Dr. Karen Smith (left) is pictured with the 2017 recipient, Dr. Kelly Pfeifer.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is soliciting nominations for the 2018 Beverlee A. Myers Award for Excellence in Public Health. This award recognizes the contributions of public health and health care services professionals in improving the health status of all Californians and the millions who visit the state every year.

The Beverlee A. Myers award is presented annually to an individual, **not currently working at CDPH**, who has exhibited outstanding leadership and accomplishments in public health in California.

Established in 1993 in honor of the late Beverlee A. Myers, this award reflects the leadership and dedication to all aspects of public health improvement exemplified throughout her 25-year career, including her service as director of the California Department of Health Services from 1978 to 1983.

A selection committee, including the director, assistant director and chief deputy directors of CDPH, will review the nominations and select a winner. The Beverlee A. Myers Award will be presented to the public health professional that best portrays the following characteristics:

- Exemplifies dedication and accomplishment in improving the health status of Californians
- Demonstrates an ability to work collaboratively and provide leadership within the public health and health service delivery community
- Uses creative methods to promote essential public health services
- Demonstrates sensitivity to addressing the needs of special populations and reducing disparities in health care and health outcomes



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In your nomination letter, please include the following information about your nominee:

- Name
- Phone number
- Email address
- Mailing address
- Complete narrative of why you are nominating him/her
- A copy of your nominee's CV or resumé is helpful, but is not required

If you nominate more than one person, each nominee requires a separate nomination letter. All nominations must be received by **Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.**

Please submit nominations to:

[Michael Marks](#)

California Department of Public Health
Office of Public Affairs
MS 0502, P.O. Box 997377
Sacramento, CA 95899-7377

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Marks in our Office of Public Affairs by email at the above link or call 916-440-7147.

This year's award recipient will be recognized at a special awards ceremony in Sacramento. The ceremony is scheduled for **Thursday, April 5, 2018** as a part of our National Public Health Week celebration.

We encourage you to take the time to recognize our colleagues for their outstanding public health accomplishments and achievements. Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

A list of past recipients of the Beverlee A. Myers Award follows.

Serving with you,

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Past Recipients of the Beverlee A. Myers Award

- 2017 Kelly Pfeifer, MD, Director, High-Value Care, California Health Care Foundation
- 2016 Wendel Brunner, MD, PhD, MPH, Director of Public Health for Contra Costa County
- 2015 Joshua Bamberger, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Consultant, Mercy Housing's Health and Housing
- 2014 Anthony Iton, MD, JD, MPH, Senior Vice President, Healthy Communities The California Endowment
- 2013 Diana E. Ramos, MD, MPH
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
- 2012 Harold Goldstein, DrPH, founding Executive Director of the California Center for Public Health Advocacy
- 2011 Dr. Kenneth Kizer, former director of the California Department of Health Services; Director of UC Davis Health System's Institute for Population Health Improvement
- 2010 Shu-Hong Zhu, PhD, Professor of Family and Preventive Medicine; Principal Investigator, California Smokers' Helpline
- 2009 Mitchell H. Katz, MD, Director, San Francisco Department of Public Health
- 2008 Wendelin M. Slusser, MD, MS, FAAP, Co-director of the UCLA Community Health and Advocacy Training Program for Pediatric Residents, Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at UCLA, and attending physician at Venice Family Clinic
- 2007 Jonathan Fielding, MD, MPH, MA, MBA, Director, Department of Public Health and Health Officer, Los Angeles County
- 2006 Gary W. Erbeck, MPH, REHS, Director
San Diego County Department of Environmental Health
- 2005 Robert K. Ross, MD, President & CEO, The California Endowment
- 2003 Bernard S. Weintraub, MD, MPH, Secretary, US Public Health Foundation
Sarah Gomez Erlach, RN, BSN, MPH, Chief, DHS Primary Health Services Unit
- 2001 Milton Roemer, MD and Ruth Roemer, JD, World Health Organization
- 2000 Claire Brindis, Dr. P.H., Institute for Health Policy Studies, UC San Francisco