

## SPARKLE & SHINE: DPH STARS & AWARDS

### Staff Awards and Special Recognition

The Department is fortunate to have a deeply committed staff who work hard every day to deliver health services and manage the programs that promote and protect the health of all San Franciscans. Some of our staff are also recipients of special awards and recognition from agencies and professional associations outside of the Department. Here are some highlights of this year's awards.

#### Sai-Ling Chan-Sew Receives Unconditional Care "Uncie" Award



Sai-Ling Chan-Sew, Director of Children, Youth, and Family services at CBHS received the 2008 Unconditional Care "Uncie" Award. The award was presented by the Seneca Center to honor Dr Chan-Sew's dedication to the quality of care for children, youth, and families.

#### Rudy Aguilar Honored as a Change Maker

Rudy Aguilar, Community Behavioral Health Services Program Manager, received the 2008 sixth Annual "In the Trenches Award" from the Senior Ex-Offender Program. The annual award recognizes local heroes who provide support to ex-offenders re-entering society. Rudy Aguilar was honored as a Change Maker, for opening doors for those deciding to change their lives when conditions were not always favorable.



#### Anne Hughes New Investigator Award



Adding to a string of recent honors for her research on the personal impact of serious illness and urban poverty, Laguna Honda clinical nurse specialist Anne Hughes will receive the New Investigator Award from the Hospice and Palliative Nursing Association (HPNA) in March 2009. The award is the latest of several for Hughes, including the 2008 Distinguished Dissertation Award from UCSF School of Nursing, and the 2008 Excellence in Cancer Nursing Research Award from the Oncology Nursing Society.

She has been an advanced practice nurse in palliative care at Laguna Honda since 2000. She is also an associate clinical professor at UCSF as well as a nationally certified family nurse practitioner, an advanced oncology nurse, and AIDS-certified nurse. In 1998 in recognition of her work in HIV/AIDS nationally, Hughes was selected to be a fellow of the American Academy of Nurses.

**Alice Gleghorn, PhD Receives Special Public Policy Leader Award**



Alice Gleghorn, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Community Behavioral Health Services, DPH, was honored with the Public Policy Leader Award at the Mental Health Association’s 2008 Annual Awards Fundraiser, for her determined efforts in supporting the promise of the Mental Health Services Act. Also honored for their commitment to improve and promote better health and mental health services in our community were the San Francisco Foundation, Kaiser Permanente Northern California Community Benefit Program, and Manuel “Roy” Crew.

Keynote speaker, actress Patty Duke, entertained the audience with a rousing recitation of her own battles with mental illness, all with an ample dosage of hope and good humor. All in all, the evening was a grand celebration of who we are, where we are, and where we’re going.

**Community Heroes**



Every year, the Crissy Field Center honors Bay Area Community Heroes that work to improve their local environment. Nominations take place each winter and four award recipients are honored in May at the Center's Community Heroes Awards. Karen Cohn & staff at the Children’s Environmental Health Promotion program were chosen as recipients of the 2008 Community Heroes Award.

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**Amy Narciso**

Amy Narciso, RN, MSN, CNS, WCC was presented the Outstanding Research in Wound Care Award by the National Alliance of Wound Care. As LHH's Clinical Nurse Specialist and Wound Care Certified practitioner, Amy plays a critical role in direct care, education and resource management for improving resident outcomes. Amy's leadership has resulted in improvement in pressure ulcer prevention, assessment, treatment, and overall reduction of facility acquired pressure ulcers. The award was presented at a national conference sponsored by the Wound Care Education Institute.



**Andre Campbell, MD**

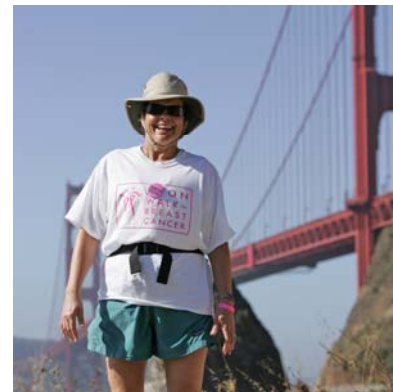
Andre Campbell, M.D., was listed in the 2007-08 Best Doctors in America; was nominated for the 2008 SCCM Shubin Weil Master Clinician/Teacher Excellence in Bedside Teaching Award; and received the 2008 Graduating Class of 2008, Clinical Faculty Teaching Award and the 2008 Robert Lull, MD Award for the SFGH/UCSF Medicine Service Consultant of the Year.

**Hearts and Heroes Award**

The San Francisco General Hospital Foundation Heroes and Hearts "Special Hero" award was given to Judy Luce, M.D., for her long-standing commitment and service to underserved women and patients with cancer.



Alicia Boccellari, Ph.D., and Robert Brody, M.D., received the 2008 San Francisco General Hospital Foundation's Heroes and Hearts award.



**Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Conference**

Staff from Tom Waddell Health Center addressed the National Health Care for the Homeless Conference in Phoenix in 2008. Barbara Wismer, MD, Medical Director for Primary and Urgent Care, presented workshops on diabetes and the new HCH Practice Based Research Network.



Barry Zevin, MD, Addiction Medicine Specialist, talked about the neurobiology of addiction and disability policy advocacy, and Janet Moomaw gave a talk on preventing violence through use of behavioral agreements. Barbara Wismer was elected chair of the HCH Clinicians' Network Steering Committee for the upcoming year.

**California Transplant Recognition Award**

SFGH received three recognition awards from the California Transplant Donor Network for adopting practices to achieve higher donation rates. Terry Dentoni, Nursing Director for Perioperative/Critical Care/ Specialty Clinic Nursing, and Vivian Curd, Nurse Manager for Critical Care, were recognized for their commitment, leadership and participation.



**NAPH 2008 Safety Net Award**

The Wraparound Project at SFGH, led by Dr. Rochelle Dicker, was awarded the NAPH 2008 Safety Net Award in the category of Reducing Health Care Disparities. The Wraparound Project provides mentorship and links clients to essential risk-reduction resources in order to reduce injury recidivism and prison recidivism in the most vulnerable citizens in San Francisco. Dr. Dicker also received the Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Haile T. Debas Academy of Medical Educators.

**More 2008 NAPH Awards**

Improving Care for Hospitalized Older Adults: An Acute Care for Elders (ACE) Unit, headed by Dr. Edgar Pierluissi, was selected to receive an NAPH 2008 Safety Net honorable mention. The mission of the ACE Unit is to provide the best inpatient care for hospitalized older adults with a focus on maintaining and improving physical function.



**American Cancer Society Quality of Life Award**

Blue Walcer, founder and director of the CARE (Cancer Awareness, Resources and Education) program and health education coordinator at San Francisco General Hospital, was one of eight outstanding cancer care providers to receive the 2008 American Cancer Society Lane W. Adams Quality of Life Award, a prestigious national prize for cancer caring.

**Western Trauma Association**

Robert Mackersie was selected as President-elect of the Western Trauma Association and serves as the 2008-09 Governor of the American College of Surgeons; the 2008-09 President of the HC Naffziger Surgical Society of the University of California San Francisco; and the 2008- 11 Secretary-Treasurer American Association for the Surgery of Trauma.



### **California Healthcare Foundation Leadership Fellows**

The California Healthcare Foundation Leadership Fellows program is a two year fellowship that offers clinically trained health care professionals the experiences, competencies, and skills necessary for effective vision and leadership of our health care system. DPH would like to acknowledge those who have completed or are in the process of completing their two-year California Healthcare Foundation (CHCF) Leadership Fellowships. Current fellows include:

Jeff Critchfield, MD, Chief of Staff, SFGH  
 Sue Currin, RN, MS, Nursing Director, SFGH  
 Hali Hammer, MD, Medical Director, Family Health Center, SFGH  
 Alice Chen, MD, Medical Director, General Medicine Clinic, SFGH  
 Susan Buchbinder, MD, HIV Research Section, SFDPH  
 Lisa Golden, MD, Director, Ocean Park Health Center

### **SFGH Staff Honored**

#### **Family & Community Medicine**

- Daniel Ciccarone, M.D., Manjushree Deshpande, M.D., Shieva Khayam-Bashi, M.D., and Jessica Muller, M.D., were nominated for UCSF Essential Core Teaching Awards.
- Kirsten Day-Thomas, M.D., Sarah Lowenthal, M.D., Rick McKinney, M.D., Katie Murphy, M.D., Susan Runyan, M.D., and Lisa Ward, M.D. received Academy of Medical Educators Direct Teaching Awards.
- Christine Dehlendorf received the UCSF Training in Clinical Research Program’s Excellence in Teaching Award.
- Ron Labuguen, M.D., and Lisa Ward, M.D., were honored by the California Academy of Family Physicians as “Family Physician of the Month.”
- Margo Vener, M.D. and Beth Wilson, M.D. received the Academy of Medical Educators Molly Cooke Award for Excellence in Curriculum Development.

#### **Medicine**

- Neal L Benowitz, M.D., received the competitive renewal award for the “Flight Attendants Medical Research Institute Bland Lane Center for Excellence on Secondhand Smoke at UCSF”, a \$9 million 5 year grant to study the effects of secondhand smoke on health.
- John Inadomi, M.D., was awarded the National Institutes of Health K24 from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, a mid-career mentoring award in patient-oriented research.

- Dean Schillinger, M.D., was named Chief of the California Diabetes Program to guide policy and be the leading provider of diabetes expertise for the state of California.

### **Ophthalmology**

- Jay Stewart, M.D., was awarded a \$20,000 Knights Templar Grant for ophthalmology research.

### **Psychiatry**

- Peter M. Ferren, M.D., MPH, served as a UCSF Global Health Faculty Scholar at the Christian Medical College in Vellore, India.
- Emily Lee, M.D., received the UCSF's Academy of Medical Educators "2008 Excellence in Teaching Award."
- Francis G. Lu, M.D., was awarded the 2008 Association for Academic Psychiatry Lifetime Achievement in Education Award, the 2008 American Psychiatric Foundation Award for Advancing Minority Mental Health, and the 2008 Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture Creative Scholarship Award.
- Vanessa Thompson, M.D., and Bao Tran, M.D., received Krevans Awards.

### **Radiology**

- Dr. Alisa Gean received the 2008 Radiological Society of North America Leadership Recognition Award
- Dr. Ruedi Thoeni was elected to the European Society of Gastrointestinal Radiologists.

### **Surgery**

- Mitchell Cohen, M.D., received a 2008-10 AAST Hemostasis and Resuscitation Scholarship, an NIH K08 grant (funded on first submission), and the nomination for the 2008 UCSF Kaiser Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- Peggy Knudson, M.D., received a renewed CDC Grant for the San Francisco Injury Center, for the 2007-12 period.
- William P. Schecter, M.D., was a nominee for the UCSF Class of 2007 Faculty Teaching Award.

### **Urology**

- Jack McAninch, M.D., received the Saint Paul's award from the British Association of Urologic Surgeons for outstanding contributions to the field of Urology, became an honorary member of British Association of Urologic Surgeons, and was elected Vice President of the American College of Surgeons.

## **Program Awards and Special Recognition**

### **Healthy San Francisco Wins CSAC Award**

Healthy San Francisco received a California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Merit Award in the 2008 Challenge Awards competition (population category 700,001 and above). There were 225 entries -- 10 Challenge Awards, 35 Merit Awards and 3 Innovation Awards.

### **SF Behavioral Health Court Receives Best Practices Award**

SF Behavioral Health Court (BHC) was recognized in March as the recipient of the 2008 Council on Mentally Ill Offenders (COMIO) Best Practices Award. COMIO is comprised of eleven members, representing the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the California Department of Mental Health and members of law enforcement, the legislature and the courts. Since 2001, its charge has been to "investigate and promote cost-effective approaches to meeting the long-term needs of adults and juveniles with mental disorders who are likely to become offenders or who have a history of offending."

SF BHC was created in 2002 in response to the increasing numbers of mentally ill defendants cycling through the jails and courts. Through a collaboration between Superior Court, Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Department, Haight Ashbury Free Clinic's Jail Psychiatric Services (JPS), UCSF's Citywide Case Management, and DPH Community Behavioral Health Services, BHC strives to achieve the following goals: 1) connect criminal defendants who suffer from serious mental illness to treatment services in the community; 2) find appropriate dispositions to the criminal charges that consider the mental illness and the seriousness of the offense; and 3) ensure public safety by decreasing recidivism through appropriate mental health treatment and intensive supervision.

Outcome data show that BHC has reduced the risk of recidivism and violence. An independent evaluation with control group conducted by researchers from University of California San Francisco showed that BHC reduced the risk of new criminal charges by 25 percent, and reduced the risk of violent crimes by 38 percent, for clients who had been enrolled 18 months in the program as compared to other un-enrolled detainees.

### **LHH Receives Jewish Vocational Services Business Leadership Award**

JVS Business Leadership Award – Laguna Honda was named the winner of Jewish Vocational Service's 2008 Business Leadership Award at the organization's annual Strictly Business event in April. The hospital was honored for its dedication to career development for our employees and for providing entry level opportunities for promising candidates who might otherwise be overlooked in a difficult market. The award recognizes businesses who help people overcome barriers to employment in today's competitive market. Previous winners are Macy's West, Wells Fargo, and Kaiser Permanente. In announcing the award, JVS Executive Director Abby Snay commended Laguna Honda's support for the Healthcare Career Ladder Initiative, a project to provide entry-level employees with training opportunities that encourage professional development. Laguna Honda has hired numerous JVS clients into jobs as registered nurses,

licensed vocational nurses and certified nursing assistants. The 16th annual Business Leadership Awards was attended by over 1,200 Bay Area business and community leaders.

**LHH Receives Hobart Jackson Cultural Diversity Award**

Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center was selected to receive the prestigious national Hobart Jackson Cultural Diversity Award from the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA) for its significant commitment to cultural diversity and inclusion. The association commended Laguna Honda for its Culturally Effective Healthcare Development Program, part of the "Journey from Institution to Community," that is guiding LHH's transition to its new facilities in 2010. The organization had special praise for the resident participation in the cultural change effort.

**Homeless Prenatal Program Honored the 6C- Birth Center Staff**

The Homeless Prenatal Program (HPP) honored the 6C-Birth Center nurses at a gala evening of hors d'oeuvres, music and celebration for their commitment to serve and care for homeless pregnant women and their families. Since 1989, HPP has worked to end homelessness and break the cycle of poverty in families. HPP services were once was limited to homeless women living shelters. Today, the program offers support and comprehensive services to the entire family. More than 2,600 homeless families in San Francisco have been cared for by 55 staff members, about 50 percent of whom are formerly homeless mothers themselves. All of the HPP patients deliver their babies at San Francisco General Hospital- Birth Center. In 2007, the Birth Center nurses raised more than \$6,000 for HPP through their participation at the San Francisco Marathon.

**Employee Recognition Awards 2007 – 08**

Throughout the year, the Health Commission recognizes exceptional employees or teams of employees who have demonstrated extraordinary performance on the job. The Employee Recognition Program provides the opportunity for DPH employees to nominate their staff, co-workers or supervisors for this acknowledgment. Winners receive a framed certificate at a Health Commission meeting, and the winner's photo appears on the DPH website. The following are the excellent DPH staff that received awards in FY 2007- 08.

**Individual Awards**

**August 2007 - Andrea Crowley, RN, SFGH Psychiatry 7B**

**September 2007 - Rajesh Parekh, MD, Director, Homeless Outreach Team**



Judith Klain, Director, Project Homeless Connect (September 2007)

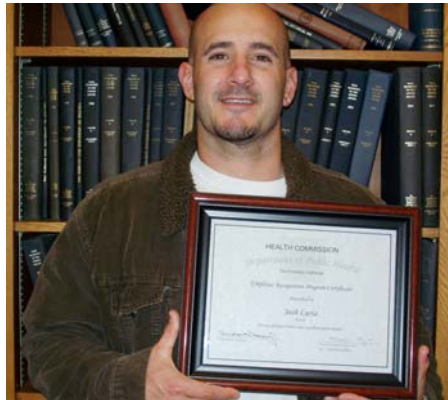


November 2007 - Tracey Packer, Senior Health Educator, AIDS Office



December 2007 - Ana Perucho, Department of Legal Affairs, SFGH Risk Management

January 2008 - Joshua Lurie, SFGH Rehabilitation Services



Mary Ellen Carroll, Office of Policy & Planning

Richard Lee, Environmental Health



## Team Awards

### August 2007

Universal Home Visiting Team, Maternal Child Adolescent Health

- Nelda Malilay, PHN Adolescent Health
- Yan Oi Wong, PHN
- Veronica Valenzuela, CHW
- Jane Evans, Nurse Manager
- Philip Ziring, MD

Environmental Services, SFGH Medical Center

- John Hay
- Jose Zaragoza

### September 2007

Medical Respite Implementation Team, Housing and Urban Health

- Carol Baillie, RN
- Michelle Schneiderman, MD
- Wolfgang Stuwe
- Margot Kushel, MD



### December 2007

SFGH Information Systems & Patient Financial Services, Healthy San Francisco Implementation Team

- Vanda Mendoza
- Jenine Smith
- Omar Carvallo
- Ed Ang
- Sheri Lee
- Donna Jacobs
- Hal Kress
- Randy LaBotte
- Kim Tally
- Tina Lee
- Lorrie Tanioka
- Rafael Rodriguez

SFGH Facility Services

- David Carroll
- Mike Curl
- Greg Chase

**June 2008**

Lolita Caceres on behalf of the entire LHH Clarendon Hall Staff.

