

SPARKLE & SHINE: DPH STARS & AWARDS

Staff Awards and Special Recognition

Some of our staff receive special awards and recognition from agencies and professional associations outside of the Department. Here are some highlights of this year's awards.

Healthcare Executive Regent's Award

Roland Pickens, Senior Administrator for Ambulatory Care and Diagnostics at SFGH, received the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Regent's Award at the Annual Leadership Summit for the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California. Among the many attributes the award recognizes—leadership, innovative and creative management—it also examines individual contributions in the healthcare profession, leadership in health association activities and participation in civic/community projects. This year's selection committee was particularly impressed by the work that Mr. Pickens did on behalf of the Healthy San Francisco and its goal to expand access to quality, affordable healthcare for residents of San Francisco.

Tangerine Brigham Named MFAC Recipient

Tangerine Brigham, Director of Healthy San Francisco, was awarded the Municipal Fiscal Advisory Committee, (MFAC) 2008 Public Managerial Excellence Award. The MFAC Public Managerial Excellence Awards, sponsored by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, are dedicated to recognizing outstanding leadership, creativity, and managerial excellence in San Francisco government. Over the last 25 years, more than 100 City employees have been commended for their innovation, imagination and dedication to public service.

John Kanaley Family Accepts American Hospital Association Award

The family of John Kanaley – former administrator of Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center – accepted an award on John's behalf at the annual meeting of the American Hospital Association Award (AHA) in Washington April 27. John was honored for his fundraising work for the political action committees of the AHA and the California Hospital Association. John's brother and sister attended the ceremony to receive the award in their brother's honor.

SFGH Cynthia Johnson Selected as Fellow at Geriatric Nurse Leadership Academy

Cynthia Johnson, RN, MS, NP, geriatric specialist at San Francisco General Hospital, is one of only 16 nurses from across the United States selected as a fellow in the first Geriatric Nurse Leadership Academy (GNLA) co-sponsored by Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and the John A. Harford Foundation for Geriatric Excellence. The goal of the GNLA is to prepare and position nurses in leadership roles to improve the quality of health care provided to geriatric patients and their families. Ms. Johnson's project for this fellowship is to teach nurses specialized geriatric nursing care in both acute and long-term care units.

LHH Developing Nursing Leadership

Minerva Barrion, RN, was recognized for outstanding clinical skill in her work with residents recovering from stroke, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, multiple fractures, and limb amputation. Girlie Bitanga, RN, was honored for her work on the Positive Care unit, the Bay Area's only HIV/AIDS skilled nursing program, where she manages challenging behavioral issues related to substance use, mental illness, recent homelessness and cognitive impairments.

Both women exemplify nursing practices that help to achieve the highest quality of care and quality of life for each resident. Recipients of this award are working to encourage the highest level of independence for each resident whether it be at Laguna Honda or in the community

LHH Nurse Featured as Keynote Speaker

Debbie Tam, Laguna Honda's Chief Nursing Officer, delivered the keynote address to graduates of City College of San Francisco's continuing education in nursing program. The program is a partnership of City College, the Department of Public Health and Jewish Vocational Services. Clinical training for the graduates, many of whom are foreign born or multi-lingual re-entry students, takes place at Laguna Honda.

Beverlee A. Myers Award from the California Department of Health Care Services and the Department of Public Health

Mitchell H. Katz, MD, Director of Health, was the recipient of the 2008 Beverlee A. Myers Award for Excellence, jointly given by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). CDPH and DHCS annually recognize individuals whose public health contributions improve the health status of Californians. Dr. Katz was acknowledged for his visionary work creating Healthy San Francisco, Healthy Kids and the Charity Care project.

Program Awards and Special Recognition

***HeartBeat* Wins National Award**

The Healthy San Francisco quarterly participant newsletter, *HeartBeat*, won the Silver Award at the 26th Annual Healthcare Advertising Awards.

The Healthcare Advertising Awards are the oldest, largest and most widely respected healthcare advertising awards competition. The awards are sponsored by Healthcare Marketing Report, the leading publication covering all aspects of healthcare marketing. Awards are made to entrants whose programs and materials display exceptional quality, creativity and message effectiveness.

A national panel of judges reviewed over 3,600 entries in 28 categories, choosing the winners on creativity, quality, message effectiveness, consumer appeal, graphic design and overall impact.

Healthy San Francisco Wins Consumer Action Award

Consumer Action, a national non-profit education and advocacy organization whose primary interest is in financial literacy and consumer protection, presented its "Consumer Excellence Award" to Healthy San Francisco at its annual awards night on June 24 here in San Francisco.

Nettie Award Presented to DPH

The San Francisco Department of Public Health received the 2008 Nettie Award for "bold leadership in HIV testing and partner services." The President of Beyond AIDS, Dr. Ron Hattis, presented the award to Barbara Garcia and members of the Population Health and Prevention Division. Dr. Hattis recognized the specific accomplishments of Jeff Klausner, MD, Director of STD Prevention and Control Services, for his ability to document the benefits of routine HIV testing in medical care settings and implement partner notification services among persons newly-identified with HIV infection.

SFGH Designated as an EPA "Best Workplace for Commuters"

SFGH was designated a *Best Commuter Workplace* by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). This award is based upon available commuter benefits programs that help employees take advantage of alternatives to driving alone to work. Transportation efforts underway at SFGH include such programs as: 1) the commuter benefits program, 2) carpool ride-matching, 3) the emergency ride home program, 4) decreased payment for carpool parking permits, 5) collaboration with UCSF shuttle services providers, 6) annual travel surveys to prioritize transportation programs, 7) annual transportation fairs, 8) the sale of transit passes in the hospital Main Lobby, and 9) the management of a transportation services website to assist patients, visitors, and staff in planning their commute.



Legionella Research Wins Best Paper Award

The research paper "Legionella Reduction After Conversion to Monochloramine for Residual Disinfection" was selected for the *2008 American Water Works Association Water Quality & Technology Division Best Paper Award*. The paper was authored by June Weintraub, Senior Epidemiologist in Environmental Health, and colleagues at the Centers for Disease Control, the California Emerging Infections Program, the California Department of Public Health, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Water Quality Division. The study found that switching from chlorine to monochloramine for disinfection dramatically reduced Legionella colonization in buildings that receive municipal water.

Asthma Task Force Honors DPH Staff

Three DPH staff members who did extensive research on the health effects of air pollution, noise and traffic in the Excelsior district were among those honored by the Asthma Task Force for World Asthma Day recently. People Organizing to Demand Environmental & Economic Rights (PODER) and community members in the Excelsior neighborhood collaborated with Tom Rivard, Megan Wier and Jennifer McLaughlin of Environmental Health to assess the health impacts on residents from air pollution, noise exposures, and pedestrian hazards caused by traffic in this neighborhood. Using key research findings, PODER youth and adult leaders were joined by other allies such as the Chinese Progressive Association, who lobbied the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to adopt Resolution No. 081397, urging the Metropolitan Transportation Agency and DPH to consider health and environmental justice in transportation policymaking.

Employee Recognition Awards 2008 – 09

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 2008- 09.

October 2008

Individual Awards

Robert Dean Goodwin
HIV Health Services



Gary Scherer, MA, MFT
CBHS Placement Team

October 2008

Team Award

Healthy San Francisco Design, Development and Implementation Teams



Central Administration	Jacquie Hale, Mitchell Katz, Robert Longhitano, Alicia Neumann, Eileen Shields, Gladys Solivan
Community Behavioral Health Services	Maria Jimenez Barteaux, Alicia Boccellari, Bob Cabaj, Aaron Chapman, Barbara Garcia, David Hersh, Lila Louie, Josephine McCreary, Michelle Ruggels, Deborah Sherwood, James Stillwell, Mary Ann Sullivan, Donald Tarver
Community Oriented Primary Care	Michael Drennan, Lisa Johnson, Marcellina Ogbu Staff at the following HSF primary care medical homes: Castro Mission, Chinatown Public, Cole Street, Housing & Urban Health, Larkin Street, Maxine Hall, Silver Avenue, Southeast, Curry Senior, Ocean Park, Potrero Hill and Tom Waddell
Eligibility and Enrollment Unit and Patient Fin. Services	Ed Ang, James Autry, Omar Carvallo, Diana Guevara, Barbara Khuu, Sheri Lee, Vanda Mendoza-Baptista, Jenine Smith, All 2903 and 2908 Staff
Finance	Katherine Y. Chen, Valerie Inouye, Nelly Lee, Lizza Leviste, Wilfredo Lim, Anne Okubo, Gregg Sass
Human Resources	Gina Garcia, Elizabeth Jacobi, Luenna Kim, Elaine Lee, Regina Pera, Bob Thomas
Information Technology	Peter Chin, Donna Childers, David Counter, Nan Dame, Jo Elias-Jackson, Donna Jacobs, Hal Kress, Randy La Botte, Tina Lee, Fred McGregor, Kjeld Molvig, Pat Skala, Kim Tally, Lorrie Tanioka
July Debut	Kit Chan, Lily Lee, Albert Yu
New Patient Appointment Unit	Julie Brown-Modenas, Gloria Castaing, Danice Cook, Sheila Kerr, Richard Woo
One-e-App	Lindsey Angelats, Bruce Summers
Point-of-Service	Rosalyn Ferrer, Delvecchio Finley, Gloria Garcia-Orme, Rafael Ibarra, Wilfredo Lim, Roland Pickens, Bonnie Seaman
San Francisco General Hospital	Lorinda Coombs, Sheila Hawthorne, Fred Hom, Sharon Kotabe, Sharon Kwong, Kathy Murphy, Gene O'Connell, David Ofman, Marijane Pierson, Fred Strauss, Robert Sypher, Sharon McCole Wicher, Troy Williams, Roland Zepf DPH staff at the following participating HSF primary care medical homes: Family Health Center, General Medicine Clinic and Positive Health Clinic, DPH staff at the Urgent Care Clinic.

December 2008

Individual Awards



Jay Kloo, RN &
Elaine Coleman, RN
SFGH Regulatory Affairs

Team Award

SFGH Smoke-Free Task Force

- Linda Henson
- Andrew Brunner, JD, RN
- Lettie Miller, RN, MS
- Yuhum Digdigan, RN, MS
- Margo Dextraze-Cordova, MSN
- Aneita Panton, RN
- Amy Logan
- Luenna H. Kim, JD
- Donnamarie Martinez, RN
- Alla Rivas, MPA
- Darlene Bahrs
- Sylvia DeTrinidad, MPH
- Esther Wong

