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

Subject: 2014 Beverlee A. Myers Award for Excellence

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is soliciting nominations for the 2014 Beverlee A. Myers Award for Excellence in Public Health. This award recognizes the contributions of public health professionals and health care services in improving the health status of Californians.

The Beverlee A. Myers award is presented annually to an individual who has exhibited outstanding leadership and accomplishments in public health in California.

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

A selection committee, including myself and chief deputy directors of CDPH, will review the nominations and select a winner. This year's award recipient will be recognized at a special awards ceremony, scheduled for April 3, 2014, to help kick off Public Health Week.

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 communities;
- Uses creative methods to promote essential public health services; and
- Demonstrates sensitivity to addressing the needs of special populations and reducing disparities in health care and health outcomes.

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

- Name
- Phone number
- Email address
- Mailing address
- Brief description of why you nominated him/her
- A copy of your nominee's CV or résumé is helpful, but is not required.

All nominations must be received by **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2014.**
If you nominate more than one person, each nominee requires a separate nomination letter.

Please submit nominations to:

Michael Marks
Office of Public Affairs
California Department of Public Health
MS 0502, P.O. Box 997377
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We encourage you to take the time to recognize our colleagues for their outstanding public health accomplishments. Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

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

Sincerely,

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Recipients of the Beverlee A. Myers Award

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

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