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

Subject: 2016 Beverlee A. Myers Award for Excellence

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is soliciting nominations for the 2016 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 all Californians and the millions who visit here 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. Last year, we had the largest class of nominees ever for this award.



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 the director, assistant director 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 here in Sacramento. That ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2016, as a part of our National Public Health Week celebration.

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.



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

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

If you nominate more than one person, each nominee requires a separate nomination letter. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Marks in our Office of Public Affairs. You can call him at 916-440-7147.

All nominations must be received by **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, 2016.**

Please submit nominations to:

[Michael Marks](#)

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

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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*"A nationally accredited public health department"*



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**Recipients of the Beverlee A. Myers Award**

- 2015 Joshua Bamberger, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Consultant, Mercy Housing's Health and Housing
- 2014 Antony 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