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Dear KPHA Members:

The Kentucky Public Health Association's Awards Committee is now soliciting nominations for the eleven different awards given annually at the KPHA Conference. The 2012 conference is scheduled for March 27 through March 30 at Louisville's Crown Plaza Hotel.

KPHA confers these awards as a means of honoring the best of the best in public health areas throughout the Commonwealth. Each of you may participate by nominating, or supporting the nomination, of individuals who have truly made a difference in fulfilling our mission to promote healthy communities through education, leadership, and a commitment to excellence. This is your chance to honor a colleague who has been outstanding, so please take advantage of it.

In the past few years, and especially last year, we've had many exceptional individuals nominated that did not win. There is nothing to prevent you from nominating someone again.

The 2012 KPHA Awards Committee consists of Peggy Seithers, Greg Brewer, Tammy Bertram, and me, Ned Fitzgibbons.

The Awards Committee will accept nominations and letters of support through Friday, February 17, 2012. Send electronic nominations and support letters to me at: edfitzgibbons01@insightbb.com If need be, you can mail nominations and letters of support to me at: Ned Fitzgibbons, 2012 Kenilworth Place, Louisville, Ky. 40205. If a call is necessary, my phone number is 502-459-4797.

Attached are KPHA Policies and Procedures which give the name and criteria for each award. These are self-explanatory. Also attached are nomination forms and templates for letters of support. These are recommended but not obligatory. You may use another format as long as the nomination summary is under three typewritten pages (double-spaced, 12-point font) and refers specifically to your nominee's contributions to the field of public health. At least five letters of support are expected for each nomination.

The Southern Health Association will be joining us at our 2012 Conference, and will be giving their awards as well. It's up to you to show them Kentucky's finest.

We look forward to hearing from all of you. Hope all your holidays are terrific!

Sincerely,

Ned Fitzgibbons, Awards Chair

POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL:

Appointment:

The Awards committee shall be appointed by the President and shall serve during the term of the appointing President. This committee shall consist of the Chair, appointed by the President and at least three (3) active members of the Association.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Awards Committee is to annually review and draft recommended changes, refine, clarify and update the Association Awards criteria and process as necessary; as well as call for, receive and determine the recipients of the annual awards.

Relationship to Others:

The Board must approve all recommended changes to any criteria or procedure change to the Awards.

General Guidelines for Awards – Nominees

1. There are no KPHA membership longevity criteria.
2. The nominee should be a Kentucky resident or provide for public health to Kentuckians.
3. All awards are signified by a commemorative plaque only (no cash or additional presentations).
4. The nominee cannot have previously received the reward in question.
5. The nominee is not required to be a KPHA member but such membership may be a determining factor.

General Guidelines for Awards – Nominators

1. The nominator must be a KPHA member, retired or actively employed.
2. The nominator should be a Kentucky resident (although exceptions may be individually reviewed by the KPHA Awards Committee).
3. The nomination statement must be clear and concise so as to better assure an objective review by the Awards Committee.

4. The length of the nomination summary must be limited to three typewritten pages (double-spaced, 12-point font), and should include only those activities directly related to the nominee's contributions to the public health system.
5. Letters of support for the nomination may be submitted with the nomination form, or submitted separately.
6. Letters of support may be submitted electronically or by regular mail, as long as sent on or before deadline for submission.
7. Letters of support must be written within the current year of the proposed award.
8. The Awards Committee will set a deadline for submission of nominations, ideally six to eight weeks prior to the Annual KPHA Convention.
9. The Awards Committee reserves the right to request additional information.

Criteria for Ranking Nominees for KPHA Awards

1. Awards Committee members will rank order nominations using a 1-5 Likert Scale, with one signifying the lowest adherence and five the highest category.
2. Awards Committee members may submit nominations but must recuse themselves from the specific selection process for the reward(s) in question.
3. Rankings will be based on:
 - The extent to which the nomination matches the specific award category
 - The extent to which the nomination reflects the nominee's adherence to the Ten Essential Public Health Services
 - The perceived impact of the nominee's public health achievements
 - The innovations and creativity of such achievements
 - The long-range effects of the nominee's contributions to public health
 - KPHA membership may be considered in the ranking
 - Letters of endorsement

Award Descriptions

1. The Russell E. Teague Award – To honor and recognize exceptional and meritorious achievement in the field of public health. Dr. Teague was Kentucky Health Commissioner from 1956-1970. Guidelines: Well-recognized contribution to the improvement of public health; must reflect innovative and creative approaches with an impact on continued growth.

2. The Helen B. Fraser Award – To honor an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to the health and well-being of mothers and children in Kentucky. Dr. Fraser was state MCH director from 1956 until her death in 1965. Guidelines: Nominee must have made a unique and outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Kentucky maternal and child health – beyond standard requirements of employment or through voluntary work.
3. The Sara C. Stice Award – To honor an individual who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of health education in Kentucky. Sara B. Stice was state Director of Health Education from 1950 until her retirement in 1973. Guidelines: Active in the field of health, and has made an exceptional contribution in health education.
4. The KPHA Group Award – To honor a designated group or organization that has collectively contributed to public health program development, toward enhancement of public health in the Commonwealth. Guidelines: Efforts must be well-described and include evidence of continued health contributions.
5. The Elbert “Al” Austin, Jr. Career Achievement Award – To honor a person who remains humble among peers yet towers above the rest in achievements. Al Austin was health cabinet secretary in the 1980’s. Guidelines: Demonstrates loyalty and perseveres in working to improve public health for all Kentuckians.
6. The Administrative Support Staff Award – To honor someone who has made outstanding contributions in the field of administrative support for public health. Guidelines: Nomination must demonstrate exceptional service.
7. The William “Bill” Patton Environmental Service Award – To honor a person who has demonstrated exceptional performance, outstanding achievements and meritorious service in Environmental Services. Bill Patton worked tirelessly as an environmentalist in southeastern Kentucky from the early 1980's until his death in 2001. Bill truly believed that he could improve the environmental health of all Kentuckians. Guidelines: Nomination of someone who has clearly demonstrated the above referenced achievements.
8. The Virginia Dodd Rice Award – To honor someone who has provided exceptional Home Health services in Kentucky, primarily through public health settings. Guidelines: Nomination of someone who clearly has a caring attitude and sensitivity to the needs of the community and the populations served by Home Care services. While a professional degree is commendable, this should not serve as the primary contributing factor for a nomination.
9. The Outstanding Public Health Nurse Award – To honor an outstanding nurse in our Commonwealth. Guidelines: Nomination should reflect extraordinary work skills in public health nursing.
10. The Peggy S. Kidd Nutrition Award – To honor a nutritionist for outstanding professional contributions and service in public health. Guidelines: The nomination must reflect cooperation

with other agencies and groups; public health advocacy; and all other activities that demonstrate support for public health through effective organizational skills.

11. The Paul Mason Memorial Award – To honor a Kentuckian who has made a significant contribution to benefit our most vulnerable population – the indigent and uninsured. Guidelines: The nomination must clearly reflect the above contributions to this target population.

Reports:

The Committee shall submit a written report of its activities within forty-five (45) days after the annual meeting to both the in-coming and out-going President.

