

## **2009 Carruth Wagner Award Nominations**

The United States Public Health Service (USPHS), Nurse Professional Advisory Committee (N-PAC) is pleased to announce a call for nominations for the 2009 Carruth Wagner Awards. These five awards are named in honor of Dr. Carruth Wagner who dedicated his life to improving the health of the nation. During his 30 year service to the U.S. Government and later contributions to the California Department of Health, he championed the development of medical professionals, future leaders, health policy and innovative public health improvements. He recognized that all levels of health professionals have the capacity to influence, and improve, the health of communities. Dr. Wagner served as the second Director of the Indian Health Service (1962 - 1965), and is credited as a pioneer in developing innovative education and training techniques designed to enhance quality health care providers and proficient management systems to improve health care delivery systems.

The Carruth Wagner Awards will be presented to each award recipient by the Chief Nurse Officer (CNO) at the Annual Commissioned Officers Foundation (COF) Symposium, June 2, 2009 during Nurse Category Day. Each award is accompanied by \$1000 cash award which requires the nominee to complete an Ethics Form which needs to be endorsed by the Ethics Office from their respective Agency. (Please see last two pages of this nomination form)

### *Eligibility*

These awards are open to Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) nurses (Civil Service, Commissioned Corps, or Tribal I/T/U) as well as nurses nominated from agencies outside DHHS.

### *Criteria*

Nominee(s) must demonstrate through innovation and creativity, outstanding nursing contributions with measurable benefits. Nurses meeting the individual award criteria may be nominated for the any of the following Carruth Wagner Awards:

#### **Nurse of the Year Award**

This award honors the legacy of Dr. Carruth Wagner who valued the importance of nurses in public health. The award acknowledges the nominees successful leadership and contributions to education, training, career development, and mentoring, all of which contribute to building a strong nursing workforce and a strong public health infrastructure.

The nominee should demonstrate at least one of the following criteria:

- Demonstrates strong public health service, leadership and excellence in developing and implementing career development programs to enhance the public health nursing workforce and the retention of nurses.

- Demonstrates strong mentorship which illustrates the nominee's assistance to help others not only to pursue but to develop competencies to build their educational and professional goals in developing a strong career in public health.
- Engages in multiple and creative recruitment services which results in successful recruitment initiatives for the selection and placement of highly qualified health care professionals in areas of need.
- Directly/indirectly develops and/or improves programs supporting the education and training of health care workers and nurses who may serve in a variety of locations including remote areas and underserved locations.

This award is open to all professional nurses in agencies who hire Commissioned Officers; Civil Service Nurses, Indian Health Service Nurses (I/T/U) and Commissioned Corps Nurses.

### **Clinical Nursing Support Award**

The Clinical Nursing Support award was developed to recognize the ability of a clinical support staff member that offers significant contributions to the public health of the nation using innovative delivery concepts or health initiatives/policies which directly support and impact the health of a population.

The Clinical Nursing Support award nominee should demonstrate at least one of the following characteristics:

- Outstanding activities or accomplishments within job duties or collateral responsibilities that exemplify devotion, influence, and significant support to and impact on a group, population or community which has resulted in the improvement, development and implementation of a program, delivery system or health of a population.
- Excellence in demonstrating professional leadership and growth in their role by expanding their expertise, reflecting the development of themselves as future leaders.
- Extraordinary leadership in public health practice outside of job duties or collateral responsibilities that demonstrates commitment to public service.
- Innovative or unique way of accomplishing the collaborative effort of the health project, program, or activity.

This award is open to all clinical paraprofessional nurses or clinical support staff (LPN, LVN, Nurse's Aide, and others) in agencies who hire Commissioned Officers; Civil Service Nurses, Indian Health Service Nurses (I/T/U) and Commissioned Corps Nurses.

### **Advanced Practice Nurse Award**

This award was established to recognize Advanced Practice Nurses who have utilized their advanced degree to contribute to an innovation or program that significantly impacted the health of a community or population. This award is open to all Advanced Practice Nurses. For the purpose of this award, an Advanced Practice Nurse is defined as a nurse who has a post-baccalaureate degree in his/her clinical specialty and is board certified in a nursing specialty (i.e. Nurse Anesthetist, Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Midwife or Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)).

The nominee should demonstrate at least one of the following characteristics:

- The advanced practice nurse should have had a substantial impact on clinical care for an entire community of patients.
- The nominee has worked with an organized national disease prevention and health promotion program that has made a substantial impact on disease rates, health disparities, and individual patients' lives.
- The advanced practice nurse nominee has made substantial impact in their program area of expertise in one of the following areas practice, research, education, program management or policy development.

This award is open to all professional nurses in agencies who hire Commissioned Officers; Civil Service Nurses, Indian Health Service Nurses (I/T/U) and Commissioned Corps Nurses.

### **Innovative Collaboration in Public Health Award**

This award was established to recognize professional nurses who have innovatively contributed to successful partnerships or collaborations between countries, programs, agencies, projects or initiatives. This award recognizes the nominee's successful contributions to building health partnerships and collaborations that foster the development of innovative health delivery systems and healthy populations.

The nominee should demonstrate at least one of the following characteristics:

- Demonstrated excellence in managing or developing a comprehensive program, health project or activity with successful collaborations that affect health and healthcare delivery.
- Collaborations can be between tribal, local government, non governmental organizations and national/global programs, within or outside of HHS.
- Exemplify clinical or project management expertise that results in a significant impact to health, health diplomacy, improved care delivery or an enhanced public health infrastructure.
- Demonstrated leadership in developing or implementing innovative strategies to enhance collaboration and partnerships in clinical, administrative, educational, policy or program management initiatives.

This award is open to all professional nurses in agencies who hire Commissioned Officers; Civil Service Nurses, Indian Health Service Nurses (I/T/U) and Commissioned Corps Nurses.

### **Nursing Leadership Award**

This award recognizes professional nurses who have significantly contributed to the retention and recruitment of nurses. This award honors the legacy of Dr. Carruth Wagner who valued the importance of nurses in public health. The award acknowledges the nominees successful

leadership and contributions to education, training, career development, and mentoring, all of which contribute to building a strong nursing workforce and a strong public health infrastructure.

The nominee should demonstrate at least one of the following criteria:

- Demonstrates strong public health service, leadership and excellence in developing and implementing career development programs to enhance the public health nursing workforce and the retention of nurses.
- Demonstrates strong mentorship which illustrates the nominee's assistance to help others not only to pursue but to develop competencies to build their educational and professional goals in developing a strong career in public health.
- Engages in multiple and creative recruitment services which results in successful recruitment initiatives for the selection and placement of highly qualified health care professionals in areas of need.
- Directly/indirectly develops and/or improves programs supporting the education and training of health care workers and nurses who may serve in a variety of locations including remote areas and underserved locations.

This award is open to all professional nurses in agencies who hire Commissioned Officers; Civil Service Nurses, Indian Health Service Nurses (I/T/U) and Commissioned Corps Nurses.

#### *Nomination Procedure*

Anyone may nominate an eligible nurse/team for service that meets the purpose for which these awards have been established. Nominations must be endorsed by the nominee's immediate supervisor. The N-PAC Awards Subcommittee will make selections and forward these names to the N-PAC Chair with recommendations. Final selection and presentation will be made by the CNO.

Please contact CDR Carol S. Lincoln, Carruth Wagner Award Team Leader, N-PAC Awards Subcommittee at (202) 307-9130 or [carol.lincoln@usdoj.gov](mailto:carol.lincoln@usdoj.gov) for additional information and to submit award nominations. The electronic submission deadline is **Friday, April 17, 2009**.

More than one award may be given in each category, but an award in every category may not be given every year. Selection will be based solely on the submitted nominations.

Please include contact information for the nominator and nominee. Provide current e-mail addresses, physical mailing address, PHS# (if nominee is a Commissioned Officer), and telephone numbers for both the nominator and nominee. All submissions must be limited to two pages.

**Nursing Professional Advisory Committee (N-PAC)**  
**Awards Subcommittee Monetary Award Processing Form**  
Version 0.61

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

You have been selected to receive a cash nursing award sponsored by the Carruth Wagner Foundation of COA, a private nonprofit organization that is outside of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). You as the award recipient must obtain the appropriate ethic office approval(s) through your ethics office and submit signed documentation before receiving this monetary award. The ethics office endorsement is mandated for all HHS employees (including commissioned corps officers). Therefore, you must complete the **HHS-520, Request for Approval of Outside Activity, or Agency equivalent**, form. Please contact your department or agency's ethics office to ensure that the proper forms are completed and any concerns are addressed at that time.

After you have obtained approval through your ethics office (as indicated above), submit that ethics office form(s) along with this NPAC processing form. Please either electronically submit or fax the following information, including a cop of the endorsed ethics office approval to: CDR Carol S. Lincoln, Carruth Wagner Award Team Leader, N-PAC Awards Subcommittee at (Fax) 202-307-5029 or [carol.lincoln@usdoj.gov](mailto:carol.lincoln@usdoj.gov).

All below sections must be completed:

Your Rank/Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Supervisors please complete the following:

- a) Will the officer be able to attend the USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium?  
YES / NO
- b) Will the officer receive agency funding for travel?  
YES / NO

Recommendation of Supervisor:

\_\_\_\_\_ Approve  
\_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove

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[Supervisor's Signature]

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[Date]

Awardee, please complete the following:

Have you obtained the appropriate ethics form with recommendation signature of Deputy Ethics Counselor or Other Approving Authority: YES/NO

You, as the undersigned AWARDEE, certified that the statements made and information provided on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge.

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Signature

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Date

Link to HHS-520 Form:  
[http://dcp.psc.gov/PDF\\_docs/hhs520.pdf](http://dcp.psc.gov/PDF_docs/hhs520.pdf)

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