

New Leading Health Indicators released Healthy People priorities draw attention to critical health needs



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U.S. Assistant Secretary for Health Howard Koh, center, speaks to an attendee at APHA's 139th Annual Meeting after releasing new national health priorities. At right is Jonathan Fielding, MD, MPH, MA, MBA, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

AIMING TO SOLVE the nation's most pressing health problems, federal health officials have released a list of critical public health priorities that they say demand immediate attention.

Unveiled at APHA's 139th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., the Healthy People 2020 Leading Health Indicators are the health priorities that policymakers and public health professionals will use to track progress in local communities as they work toward meeting key national health goals.

"It is a historic day," U.S. Assistant Secretary for Health Howard Koh, MD, MPH, said at the APHA event releasing the priorities on Oct. 31. "It's a moment that we celebrate public health in a major way, and also celebrate the

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Flu Near You debuts APHA members challenged to help track influenza cases

APHA members have the opportunity to be part of work to track the flu over the next year while at the same time competing to win up to \$25,000.

APHA Flu Near You Challenge is a partnership between the Association, HealthMap and the Skoll Global Threats Fund to create a nationwide open surveillance system for influenza. The goal is to track cases of influenza in real time, allowing health practitioners to better know when flu is in their area and how widespread it has become.

Announced at APHA's 139th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., in October, the Flu Near You Challenge is "an exciting opportunity for the APHA community to engage in a new way of gathering data," said Susan Polan,

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Pamela Hyde, administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, speaks at the Annual Meeting.

Meeting spotlights healthy communities APHA meeting draws more than 13,000 health professionals

THE INTERCONNECTION between physical and mental health and the way in which communities can influence them took center stage during APHA's 139th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., this fall.

Held Oct. 29–Nov. 2, the meeting offered breaking public health research, discussions with national public health leaders and insights into what is in store for the field. Encompassing everything from scientific and poster sessions to career events and business meetings, the Annual Meeting attracted more than 13,000 attendees from

across the U.S. and around the world.

"We had both strong attendance and engagement at the meeting," said APHA Interim Executive Director Alan Baker, MA. "It shows that even in this economy, advancing public health

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Above, a presenter discusses research at a poster session at APHA's 139th Annual Meeting. Center photo, attendees at a Sunday night event direct questions to session panelists.

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The SECTIONS

News about APHA's Sections, SPIGs, Student Assembly, Forums & Caucuses

Sections, SPIGs, Student Assembly give awards at Annual Meeting

Aging and Public Health

Archstone Foundation Award for Excellence in Program Innovation: Health Promotion Research Center
Archstone Foundation Award for Excellence in Program Innovation Honorable Mention: Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley
Aetna Award for Excellence in Research on Older Women and Public Health: Sheila Dugan, MD
Aging and Public Health Rural and Environment Award: Helena Temkin Greener, PhD
Aging and Public Health Rural and Environment Award Honorable Mention: Steven A. Cohen, DrPH, MPH; Chanam Lee, PhD, MLA
Betty J. Cleckley Minority Issues Research Award: Liza Talavera Garza, PhD

Betty J. Cleckley Minority Issues Research Award Honorable Mention: Emily S. Ihara, PhD, MSW; Nancy A. Miller, PhD
Erickson Foundation Award for Excellence in Research: Kenneth K.H. Chui, PhD, MPH, MS

Erickson Foundation Award for Excellence in Research Honorable Mention: Shubing Cai, PhD; Seung youn Hong, PhD, MEd; Leann Liu, MD, MS

Nobuo Maeda International Research Award: SangNam Ahn, PhD, MPSA

Nobuo Maeda International Research Award Honorable Mention: Suchuan Yu

James G. Zimmer New Investigator Research Award: Lesley Steinman, MPH, MSW

James G. Zimmer New Investigator Research Award Honorable Mention: SangNam Ahn, PhD, MPSA

Laurence G. Branch Doctoral Student Award Honorable Mention: Kali Thomas, MA; Jingping Xing

Lifetime Achievement Award: Betty J. Cleckley, PhD

Philip G. Weiler Award for Leadership in Aging and Public Health: Steven P. Wallace, PhD

Retirement Research Foundation Masters Student Research Award Honorable Mention: Anamica Batra, BDS, MPH; Sang Gon Nam, MS

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs

Slade Memorial Advocacy Award: Carol McDaid, MPA
College-Based Leadership Award: Kathleen Young, PhD

Community-Based Leadership Award: Laura Gerald, MD, MPH

Lifetime Achievement Award: Jasjit Ahluwalia, MD

Section Leadership Award: Donald Zeigler, PhD

Student Poster Showcase Awards: Alcohol: Philip Smith; Tobacco: Minal Patel; Other Drugs: Monica Mundy

Chiropractic Health Care

Lifetime Achievement Award: John Pammer, DC
Rising Star Award: Jason Bartlett, DC
Special Award for Advancing Public Health and Chiropractic: Mark Ziegler, DC
Distinguished Service Award: Michael T. Haneline, DC, MPH

Community Health Planning and Policy Development

Henrik L. Blum Award for Excellence in Health Policy: Deborah Richter, MD
Vision Award for Excellence in Health Planning Practice: Marguerite Ro, DrPH
Best Doctoral-Level Student Abstract Submission Award: Malia Jones, MPH
Best Masters-Level Student Abstract Submission Award: Stacy Woods
Section Service Award: Padma Arvind, PhD; Michelle Denison, MPH; Shawn Kimmel; Shari Kinney, DrPH, RN; Karyn Warsaw, MPH, MSc

Disability

Lifetime Achievement Award: Rune J. Simeonsson, PhD, MSPH
Advocacy Award: Eleanor Smith
Allan Meyers Award: Elena M. Andresen, PhD
Student Award: Scott Michael Robertson, MHCI

Epidemiology

Public Health Practice Award: Mark S. Dias, MD
John Snow Award: Camara Phyllis Jones, MD, PhD, MPH
Abraham Lilienfeld Award: Robert M. Mayberry, PhD, MPH, MS
Wade Hampton Frost Lecture Award: Shiriki Kumanyika, PhD, MPH

Food and Nutrition

Excellence in Dietary Guidance: Wendy Johnson-Askew, PhD, MPH, RD
Mary C. Egan Award: Margo Wootan, DSc
Catherine Cowell Award: Sandra B. Sherman, EdD
Student Abstract Award: Helen Wu, MPhil, MS

Health Administration

W.C. Woodward Award: Ray M. "Bud" Nicola, MD, MHSA, FACPM
Excellence in Health Administration: Lloyd Novick, MD, MPH
Rising Star Award: Raed Mansour, MS
Chair's Award: Michael R. Hill, MPH, MPA, CPHA, CHES

HIV/AIDS

Excellence in Abstract Submission Among All Presenters: Brian Dodge, PhD
Excellence in Abstract Submission Among Student Members and Winner of the David Rosenstein Scholarship: Stephanie Cook, MPH
Excellence in Abstract Submission

on an International Topic: Xiaoming Li, PhD
Excellence in Abstract Submission Among New Investigators: Jenne Massie

Injury Control and Emergency Health Services

Student Paper Award: Dustin Carpenter, MPH
Excellence in Public Service: David Lee, MPH
Excellence in Science: Matthew Miller, MD, ScD, MPH
Distinguished Career Award: Susan Gerberich, PhD
International Distinguished Career Award: Srikant Bangdiwala, PhD

International Health

Carl Taylor Lifetime Achievement Award: W. Henry Mosley, MD, MPH
Mid-Career Award: Neil Arya, MD
Gordon-Wyon Award for Community-Oriented Public Health, Epidemiology and Practice: John H. Bryant, MD
Distinguished Section Service Award: Donna J. Barry

Maternal and Child Health

Effective Practice Award: March of Dimes American Indian/Alaska Native Women's Committee
Outstanding Leadership-Advocacy Award: Kay Johnson
Young Professional Award: Lauren Raskin Ramos
Healthy Mothers-Healthy Babies Text4Baby State Contest Winners: Delaware, first place; North Carolina, second place; New Hampshire, third place

Medical Care

Donabedian Award: Carolyn Clancy, MD
Visellear Award: Nancy Tomes, PhD
An Evening With: Deb Richter, MD; U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders
Medical Care Section Annual Award: James C. Wohlleb, MS
Medical Care Section Special Recognition Award for Innovation: Mona Sarfaty, MD, MPH
Medical Care Section Student Paper Awards: Brittany Goettsch; Lynn Huynh, MPH, MBA; Marum Khan; Nidhi Khosla, MPH; Alan R. Tran, PharmD

Mental Health

Carl Taube Award: Jeffery W. Swanson, PhD, MA; Marvin S. Swartz, MD
Mental Health Section Award: Anthony C. Kouzis, PhD
Rema Lapouse Award: Ezra Susser, MD, DrPH
Steve Banks Mentoring Award for Outstanding Service in the Field of Mental Health: Jean Demmler, PhD

Occupational Health and Safety

Tony Mazzocchi Award: Barbara Rahke
International Health and Safety Award: Salvador Moncada i Lluís, MD, PhD, MPH
Alice Hamilton Award: Martin Cherniack, MD, MPH
Lorin Kerr Award: LaMont Byrd, MS, CIH; Amy K. Liebman, MA, MPA
James P. Keogh Scholarship Winners: Hanifa M. Denny, PhD; Monika Galecki, MPH; Ashley R. Kissinger, MPH; Eseosa Orumwense, MPH; Gaspar Rivera, MD, MPH; Sonja Rivera, MPH

Oral Health

Pre-Professional Jong Award: Kaitlin E. Jennison, Catherine Maybury, Sanket Nagarkar, Charlene Rocha



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The International Health Section was one of many APHA groups to present awards to members during the 139th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., Oct. 29–Nov. 2.

John W. Knutson Distinguished Service Award in Dental Public Health: Robert Isman, DDS, MPH

Podiatric Health John and Janet Carson Advocacy Award: Janet Simon, DPM
Student Award: Cheree Eldridge, Lisa Nhan, DPM
Stephen Toth Award: Drew A. Harris, DPM, MPH
Award of Excellence: James R. Christina, DPM

Population, Reproductive and Sexual Health

Outstanding Young Professional Award: Diana Greene Foster, PhD
Felicia Stewart Advocacy Award: Susan Stone, DNSc, RN, CNM, FACNM
Carl S. Shultz Award for Lifetime Achievement: Francine Coeytaux, MPH

Public Health Education and Health Promotion

Judith Miller Award: Stuart Usdan, PhD, MEd, CHES
Everett M. Rogers Award: Jay Bernhardt, PhD, MPH; Rajiv Rimal, PhD
Early Career Award: Doug Rupert, MPH
Sarah Mazelis Award: Regina Galer-Unti, PhD

Public Health Nursing

Junior Investigator Award: Alison M. Colbert, PhD, APRN, BC
Creative Achievement Award: Kathleen May, DNSc, PHCNS-BC, RN
Lillian Wald Service Award: Algia Hickenbotham, MEd, RN-BC
Ruth B. Freeman Award: Diana P. Hackbarth, PhD, RN, FAAN
Mentorship Scholarship Award: Ifeyinwa Asiodu, MSN, RN, PHN; Anna Katherine Clark, MSN; Uruaku Obasi, MPH, MSN, RN; Lauren Underwood, MPH, MSN

School Health Education and Services

Student Abstract Award: Soe Rodriguez Alamo; Janette Quarles, DrPH, MPH, MA, CPH

Social Work

Insley-Evans Public Health Social Worker of the Year Award: Robert H. Keefe, PhD, ACSW
Robert Keefe Outstanding Student Paper Award: Anamika Barman Adhikari

Statistics

Lowell Reed Lecture Award: Dennis Gillings, PhD
Spiegelman Award: Sudipto Banerjee, PhD
Statistics Section Award, academia:

Cheryl Addy, PhD
Statistics Section Award, government: Donna Hoyert, PhD

Vision Care

Outstanding Project Award: John D. Bullock, MD, MPH, MSc
Melvin D. Shipp Best Abstract Award: Rosa Avila, MSPH; Kathleen S. O'Connor, MPH
Distinguished Service Award: Kevin D. Frick, PhD

Student Assembly

Trong D. Nguyen Memorial Award For Student Leadership: Mercy Laurino
Friend of the Student Assembly Award: External Medical Affairs, Pfizer Inc.

Behavioral Science-Health Education: Laura Edwards, Molly McCarthy, Esther Munene

Environmental-Occupational Health: Tainya Clarke, Julie Hollenbeck, Manuel A. Ocasio

Epidemiology-Biostatistics: Mary V. Diaz-Santana, Brittany Major, Tabatha N. Offutt-Powell

Health Services Administration-Management: Veronica Lopez, Jordan Mitchell, Zoila Sanchez

International-Global Health: Ibrahim A. Ali, Renee Crawford, Pam-mie Gabrielle, Gabriela Halder

Maternal and Child Health: Farzana Ali, Titilola Braimoh, Melanie Kornides

Nutrition Health: Anthony Randles, Stacey L. Tannenbaum, Katherine Vaughan

Public Health Policy-Practice: Bettye Apenteng, Apoorva Chandar, Linda Jiang

Healthy Communities Promoting Healthy Minds and Bodies: Andrea M. Brace, Leslie Erdelack, Parker Hoerz

Alternative and Complementary Health Practices Special Primary Interest Group

Recognition for Contributions to Public Health Policy: Donna Feeley, MPH; Richard Harvey, PhD

Student Poster Awards: Jeans Santana, Carla Wilson, Biru Yang

Physical Activity Special Primary Interest Group

Student Abstract Award: Kosuke Tamura

Awards listed were supplied to APHA staff by deadline via APHA member groups. For more information on APHA's member group awards, email frances.atkinson@apha.org. For APHA Caucus awards, visit www.bitly.com/CaucusAwards.