New Leading Health Indicators released

Healthy People priorities draw attention to critical health needs

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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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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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: Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley
Aetna Award for Excellence in Research on Older Women and Older Men: Helenna Temkin-Greener, PhD
Aging and Public Health Rural and Environmental Award: Haiti Tenkan Lam, PhD
Aging and Public Health Rural and Environmental Award Honorable Mention: Sh榛e Imai, PhD; MEA Lin, MS, MD
Betty J. Cleckley Minority Issues Research Award: Liza Talavera Garza, PhD
Betty J. Cleckley Minority Issues Research Award Honorable Mention: Emily S. Ibara, PhD, MSW; Nancy A. Miller, PhD
Erickson Foundation Award for Excellence in Research: Kenneth H. Chu, PhD, MPH, MS
Erickson Foundation Award for Excellence in Research Honorable Mention: Shuhong Gai, PhD
Eugene S. Young Foundation Award: MED, LEANN LIN, MD, MS
Nobuo Mueda International Research Award: SangNam Ahn, PhD, MPH
Nobuo Mueda International Research Award Honorable Mention: Seikunt Yu
James G. Zimmer New Investigator Research Award: Lesley Steinman, MPH, MSW
James G. Zimmer New Investigator Research Award Honorable Mention: SangNam Ahn, PhD, MPH
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Laurence G. Branch Doctoral Student Award Honorable Mention: Kal Thomas, MD, Mingxiang Xing
Lifelong 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: Anamika Bara, BDS, MPH; SangNam Ahn, MS
Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Slade Memorial Advocacy Award: Carol McDaid, MP
College-Based Leadership Award: Kathleen Young, PhD
Community-Based Leadership Award: Laura Gerald, MD, MPH
Lifetime Achievement Award: Jayot Ahlwhala, MD
Section Leadership Award: Donald Ziegler, PhD
Student Poster Showcase Awards: Alcohol: Philip Smith, Tobacco: Minal Patel; Other Drugs: Monica Mundy

Chiropractic Care Lifetime Achievement Award: John Pammel, DC
Rising Star Award: Jason Bartlett, DC Special Award for Advancing Public Health and Chiropractic: Mark Zeiger, DC
Distinguished Service Award: Michael T. Haneline, DC, DABCM
Community Health Planning and Policy Development
Henrik L. Sorensen Award for Excellence in Health Policy: Deborah Richer, MD
Vision Award for Excellence in Health Planning Practice: Maria Ro, DPh
Best Doctoral-Level Student Abstract Submission Award: Malia Jones, MPH
Best Masters-Level Student Abstract Submission Award: Tracy Woods
Section Service Award: Padma Arndt, PhD, Michelle Deminson, MPH; Shannah Kimmel, Shaney Kinsky, DPh, RN, Karsten Wassoff, MPH, MSc
Disability
Lifetime Achievement Award: Rune J. Simonsson, PhD, MPH
Advocacy Award: Eleanor Smith Allan Meyers Award: Elena M. Andreven, PhD
Student Award: Scott Michael Robertson, MBCHB
Epidemiology
Public Health Practice Award: Mark S. Diaz, MD
John Snow Award: Camara Phlips Jones, MD, MPH, MPH
Abraham Lilienfeld Award: Robert M. Mayberry, PhD, MPH, MS
Wade Hampton Frost Lecture Award: Shukri Kamayanik, MD, MPH
Food and Nutrition Excellence in Dietary Guidance: Wendy Johnson-Arak, PhD, MPH, RD
Mary C. Egan Award: Marjory Wootan, DSC
Catherine Cowell Award: Sandra B. Sherman, EdD
Student Abstract Award: Helen Wu, MPH, MS
Health Administration
W.C. Woodward Award: Ray M. "Bud" Nicola, MD, MSBA, FCAHM
Excellence in Health Administration: Lloyd Novick, MD, MPH
Rising Star Award: Rand Mansour, MS Chair's Award: Michael R. Hill, MPH, MPH, MPA, CHES

HIV/AIDS Excellence in Abstract Submission Among All Presenters: Brian Dodge, MD
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: Jemine Massie
Injury Control and Emergency Health Services
Student Paper Award: Dustin Carpenter, MPH
Excellence in Public Service: David Lee, MPH
Excellence in Science: Mathew Miller, MD, ScD, MPH
Distinguished Service Award: Susan Gerberth, PhD
International Distinguished Career Award: Srirat Banglewalu, PhD
International Health
Carl Taylor Lifetime Achievement Award: W. Henry Mosley, MD, MPH Mid-Career Award: Neil Ayd, MD
Gordon-Wyon Award for Community-Oriented Public Health: Robert Isman, DDS, MPH
Pediatric Health
John and Janet Carson Advocacy Award: Janet Simon, DPM
Student Award: Cheree Edlidge, Lisa Nhan, DPM
Stephen Toth Award: Drew A. Harris, DPM
Award of Excellence: James R. Christina, DPM
Population, Reproductive and Sexual Health
Outstanding Young Professional Award: Dania Greene Foster, PhD
Felicia Stewart Advocacy Award: Susan Stone, DNSc, RN, CM, FACNM
Carl S. Shultz Award for Lifetime Achievement: Francine Goymans, MPH
Public Health Education and Health Promotion
Judith Miller Award: Stuart Usdan, PhD, MED, CHES
Everett M. Rogers Award: Jay Bernard, PhD, MPH, Rajiv Romal, PhD
Early Career Award: Doug Ruppert, MPH
Sarah Mazellis Award: Regina Galer, PhD
Public Health Nursing
Junior Investigator Award: Alison M. Colbert, PhD, APRN, BC
Creative Achievement Award: Kathleen May, DNSc, PHD, BC
Lillian Wald Service Award: Nigla Hickenbohm, MEA, RN
Ruth F. Freeman Award: Diana M. Hackforth, RN, FAAN
Membership Scholarship Award: Beynum Atsodu, MSN, MA, RN, Anna Katherine Clark, MSN, Iraukha Ohazi, MSN, RN, Lauren Underwood, MPH, MSN
School Health Education and Services
Student Award: Ake Rodrigues Almanzi, Quadda Farouk, PhD, MPH, MA, CHES
Occupational Health and Safety
Tony Mazzocchi Award: Barbara Bahl
International Health Award: Salvador Moncada de Lluis, MD, PhD
Alves Hamilton Award: Martin Chernetzik, MD, MPH
Lorin Kerr Award: LaMonte Byrd, BS, CHB, Amy K. Lienberg, MA, MPH
Oral Health
Pre-Professional Jung Award: Kimberly Mathewson, Catherine Maguary, Sanket Nagarkar, Charlotte Rocha

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. Knutsen 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 Edlidge, Lisa Nhan, DPM
Stephan Toth Award: Drew A. Harris, DPM
Award of Excellence: James R. Christina, DPM

Environmental-Occupational Health
Tania Clarke, Julie Hollenbeck, Manuel A. Oracio
Epidemiology-Biostatistics: Mary V. Diaz-Barriga, Katrina Bailey, Natha Ollman-Powell
Health Services Administration: Management: Veronica Lopez, Jordan Mitchell, Zoila Sanchez
International-Global Health: Brenda L. Boll, Remo Crawford, Pammie Gabrielle, Gabriel Haldar
Mental and Child Health: Farzana Ali, Tinilida Brahman, Meredith Kornides Nutrition Health: Anthony Randles, Stacey L. Tannenbaum, Kathryn Vaughan
Public Health Policy-Perspective: Bette Apenteng, Soporna Chrisard, Linda Jiang
Healthy Communities Promoting Healthy Minds and Bodies: Andrea M. Brace, Leslie Erdelek, Parker Boer]

Alternative and Complementary Health Practices Special Primary Interest Group
Recognition for Contributions to Public Health Policy: Donna Feeley, MPH, Richard Harvey, PhD
Nutrition Poster Awards: Juan Santana, Carla Wilson, Binu Yang
Physical Activity Special Primary Interest Group
Student Award: Ronke Tamura

Awards listed were supplied to APHA staff by deadline via APHA member groups. For more information on APHA’s member group awards, email francis.atkinson@apha.org. For APHA Caucuses awards, visit www.blfly.com/CaucusAwards.