

Indian Health Service

Director's Awards Ceremony 2015 - 2016



July 28, 2017
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland

Luana Reyes Leadership Award



Luana Reyes

Ms. Luana Reyes was a leader in the Indian Health Service and a lifelong advocate for American Indians and Alaska Natives. In 1970, Luana Reyes served as the Executive Director of the Seattle Indian Health Board and helped found the American Indian Health Care Association and the National Coalition of Urban Indian Health Centers, focusing national attention on the health care needs of American Indians and Alaska Natives living in urban areas

As the Director for IHS Headquarters Operations and as the IHS Chief Financial Officer, she worked to ensure the government met its treaty obligations to provide health care to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

In 2001, the year she died, she was honored with the Presidential Rank Meritorious Award, presented annually to top federal managers for exceptional performance. Her humility, drive and ability to empower others made her the kind of leader people followed. This annual honor is reserved for an individual whose professional and/or community involvement demonstrates the kind of leadership that Ms. Luana Reyes exemplified.



RADM Michael Weahkee

Acting Director, Indian Health Service

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE DIRECTOR'S AWARDS CEREMONY

JULY 28, 2017



Length of Service Award

(45, 46 and 50 years of Service)

LouElla Bitanny (Albuquerque)

Sarah Morgan (Navajo)

Rozina Taylor (Tucson)

Emily Lee (Navajo)

Janet Yazzie (Navajo)

Sarah Morgan (Navajo)

Claradine Lewis (Phoenix)

Joanne Pourier (Great Plains)

Arlene Brewer (Great Plains)

Catherine Geronimo (Tucson)

Benny Chee Sr. (Navajo)

Donna Spaeth (Bemidji)

Lester Barajas (Tucson)

Ruth Chama (Phoenix)

Marjorie Shelde (Phoenix)

Kenneth Benally (Phoenix)

John Meeth (Phoenix)

Jose Aguino (Albuquerque)

Jason Arviso (Navajo)

Woodrow Kinney (Oklahoma)

Carolyn Leslie (Phoenix)

Felix Gonzales Jr. (Albuquerque)

Lavon Armstrong (Phoenix)

Woodie Williams (Navajo)

IHS Director's Awards Team 2016

Gallup Indian Medical Center, Facilities
Management Branch (Navajo)

SRSU Scheduling GUI Implementation Team (Navajo)

Northern Navajo Medical Center - Accounts Receivable (Navajo)

Four Corners Regional Health Center Leadership Team (Navajo)

OCAO Leadership Training Team (Oklahoma)

Oklahoma City Area Hepatitis C Cure Project (Oklahoma)

Oklahoma City Indian Clinic Behavioral Health Team (Oklahoma)

Lawton Indian Hospital - BCMA Implementation Team (Oklahoma)

Hopi Health Center Recruitment Team (Phoenix)

Hopi Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection Team (Phoenix)

PIMC Office of Community Relations and
Tribal Affairs Team (Phoenix)

San Carlos Apache Healthcare Center Rehabilitation
Department (Phoenix)

Powwow Sweat - BMWC REACH Program (Portland)

Warm Springs Service Unit - Medical Department (Portland)

LaPush Dental Clinic (Portland)

Indian Health Service Director's Awards Ceremony

July 28, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Indian Health Service Headquarters Pavilion
Rockville, MD

Agenda

Commencement by the Master of Ceremonies

Benjamin Smith

Presentation of the Colors

IHS Honor Guard

Traditional Opening

Clayton Old Elk

Welcome

RADM Michael Weahkee
Acting Director, Indian Health Service

Presentation of Awards

HHS Green Champion Awards: Michael Saunders, HHS

2015 Awards

Special Recognition
Customer Service Awards
USPHS Commissioned Corps Honor Awards
Director's Awards

2016 Awards

Special Recognition
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USPHS Commissioned Corps Honor Awards
Director's Awards
Length of Service Awards
Luana Reyes Leadership Award

Closing Remarks

Benjamin Smith

Retiring of the Colors

IHS Honor Guard

HHS Green Champion Award Winners for IHS 2015

Environmental Stewardship

Melissa de Vera - Bemidji

Sustainable Design & Facilities

CDR Frank Chua - California

Water Use Efficiency and Management

CDR Hugo Gonzalez - Oklahoma

2015 Green Champion Team Award

ANTHC Rural Energy Initiative - Alaska

2015 Green Champion Award

Phoenix Area Engineers - Phoenix

IHS Director's Awards Team 2016

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (Alaska)

Mescalero Service Unit (Albuquerque)

FBSU Executive Leadership Team (Billings)

Northern Cheyenne Service Unit Case Management (Billings)

Northern Cheyenne Service Unit Dental Department (Billings)

IHS Wind River Service Unit and Billings Area Office
PRC Program (Billings)

OEHE Emergency Drought Response Team (California)

Redding District Office (California)

RCSU-Sioux San CMS Response Team (Great Plains)

Great Plains Clinical Engineering Services Program (Great Plains)

Great Plains Office of Health Professions (Great Plains)

DEHS Team –Wagner Salmonella Outbreak Response
Team (July 2016) (Great Plains)

IHS Influenza Policy Working Group (Headquarters)

Office of Information Technology Area Site Review
Program Team (Headquarters)

IHS OIT Terminology Team (Headquarters)

Nashville Area Mock Survey Team (Nashville)

IHS Director's Awards Individual 2016

Pamela End of Horn, LICSW (Headquarters)

Joanne Hawkins, BS, CSM (Headquarters)

CDR Anthony Millkamp, MSN, RN-C, CEN (Headquarters)

Bruce Finke, MD (Nashville)

Edie Jackson (Nashville)

Aimee Reinhard, PharmD (Navajo)

Mia Lozada, MD (Navajo)

CDR Chandima B. Deegala, B.S. PharmD, NCPS-PP (Navajo)

Douglas Accountius, AG-ACNP-BC (Navajo)

Dawn Ready, DBH, LCP (Oklahoma)

CDR Joe Bryant, PharmD, BCPS (Oklahoma)

LCDR Jessica Steinert, PharmD (Oklahoma)

Ron Carrell, MBA, PhD (Oklahoma)

CAPT Elizabeth Clark, DO (Phoenix)

Philippe Champagne, MD (Portland)

Tama Carpen, CCMA, CPT (Portland)

LT Derek Hancey (Portland)

Imogene Ingawanup (Portland)

HHS Green Champion Award Winners for IHS 2016

2016 Green Champion Award

IHS Southern California Youth Regional Treatment
Center Project Team - California

Energy & Fleet Management

IHS Kotzebue Hospital Wind-to-Heat Energy Project - Alaska

IHS Director's Awards Individual 2016

Dr. Katherine Gottlieb (Alaska)

Duff Pfanner (Alaska)

Cecilia E. Chao, MD, PhD, MPH (Albuquerque)

Lois K. Schumacher, CDR (Albuquerque)

Tammy King, MBA (Bemidji)

Andy Hazen (Bemidji)

Tristan Tex Goodluck (Billings)

CDR Dean T. Goroski, CDR, PharmD, BCPS (Billings)

Dana Matejovsky (Billings)

Sally J. Hooke (Billings)

LCDR Molly Madson, REHS (California)

Angela Peshlakai (California)

Myrtle LaRocque (California)

Denise O'Gorman (California)

Camilla Widvey, PE, CHFM (Great Plains)

CDR Phil Jaquith, PA-C, MPAS, RT(R) (Great Plains)

CDR Craig Noteboom, RN, BSN, CDE, CFCN (Great Plains)

Linda M. Suess (Great Plains)

USPHS Commissioned Corps Honor Awards 2016

CAPT Steven Goldwasser (Oklahoma)

CDR Wendy L Monrad (Alaska)

CAPT Richard Turner (Oklahoma)

CDR David Axt (Great Plains)

CAPT Brad Bishop (Headquarters)

CDR Max Boykin (Nashville)

LCDR James Cummings (Oklahoma)

LCDR Jessica Lynn Damon, MLS, MPH (Oklahoma)

LCDR Hillary Duvivier (Phoenix)

LCDR Charity Earnhardt (Oklahoma)

CAPT Cynthia Gunderson (Nashville)

CDR - Damion Killsback (Headquarters)

CDR Verna Kuka (Great Plains)

CDR David Mazorra (California)

LCDR Amit K Patel, PharmD, NCPS (Phoenix)

CAPT Amy Rubin (Oklahoma)

CDR Carol Treat (Headquarters)

CDR Alan Tupponce, MD (Phoenix)

LTJG Mark Westbrook (Oklahoma)

2015 AWARDEES



IHS Director's Customer Service Award

Team

2016

Taos Picuris Indian Health Center (Albuquerque)

WRSU PRC Coordination and Improvement Team (Billings)

Wanblee Health Center Outpatient Department (Great Plains)

Special Diabetes Program for Indians, Okiciyapi
Wellness Center (Great Plains)

Kyle Health Center - Four Directions Clinic (Great Plains)

Wagner IPC Team Boat A - Health Fairs for GPRA (Great Plains)

Office of Direct Service and Contracting Tribes (Headquarters)

The Palliative Care Team (Navajo)

Clinton Service Unit Wound Care Team (Oklahoma)

Oklahoma City Indian Clinic Pharmacy (Oklahoma)

Clinton Service Unit Behavioral Health Team (Oklahoma)

Lawton Indian Hospital Benefits Coordinators (Oklahoma)

Department of Acquisition Management SharePoint Launch and
Process Improvement Team (Phoenix)

IHS Director's Customer Service Award
Individual
2016

Dave Mather (Alaska)
Shelly MacDonald (Billings)
Arthur Alden (Billings)
Nina N. Black Hoop (Billings)
Brienne Hagan Moran (Billings)
Mark LeBrun (Great Plains)
Mark A. Merrick, Jr. (Great Plains)
Barbara J. Boyd (Great Plains)
Ida R. Bromm-Larvie (Great Plains)
Lorenze Lancaster, ITIL, B.A. (Headquarters)
Steven Whitehorn, MSW, LCSW (Headquarters)
Susan Geary, LPN (Oklahoma)
Summer Goodenow, R.T.(R)(M) (Oklahoma)
Paula Baeza, CPhT (Oklahoma)

IHS Director's Special Recognition Award
2015

Special Recognition National Council Leadership Award

Capt. Tracie Patten

Special Recognition Tribal Leader/Partnership Award

Andy Joseph and Lynn Malerba, CSC Workgroup

Brian Cladoosby, NCAI

Lester Secatero, Chair NIHB

President John Steele, Chairman GPTCA

Roger Trudell, Chairman GPTCHB

Cathy Abramson, Chair STAC

Chester Antone, Chair STAC

Chief Marilyn Malerba, Chairwoman of the Tribal
Self-Governance Advisory Committee

Chairman W. Ron Allen, Treasure NCAI

Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, President NCAI

Special Recognition Urban Leadership/Partnership Award

Donna Keeler, Past President NCUIH

Stacy Bohlen, Executive Director NIHB for Public Health Summits

Special Recognition Award

RADM Kevin Meeks

Elizabeth Fowler

IHS Director's Customer Service Award

Individual

2015

John Sickman (Alaska)
Michael Robertson, CPhT (Alaska)
Rita Lewis (Albuquerque)
Andrew Chicarello, Sr. (Albuquerque)
Eileen Buckman (Billings)
Martin Hall (Great Plains)
Malinda Amiotte (Great Plains)
Ronald Baron (Headquarters)
Loa Girty (Headquarters)
Dr. Anthony Vitali, DMD (Navajo)
Tamara Yazzie (Navajo)
LCDR Danica Brown, PharmD, BCPS (Oklahoma)
Wendy Dunson (Oklahoma)
Farrell Lucei, EFDA (Portland)
Clinton E. Kittrell, MSW, LCSW (Portland)

IHS Director's Special Recognition Award

2016

Special Recognition Tribal Leader Advocate Award

Mickey Peercy (Headquarters)

Special Recognition Federal Partnership Award

Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (Headquarters)

Special Recognition Award

Emmalani Longenecker (Headquarters)

Julie Czajkowski (Headquarters)

Mona Lateyice-Owaleon (Albuquerque)

Jacoline Bergstrom (Alaska)

Great Plains Area Deployment Team (Headquarters)

IHS Director's Customer Service Award

Team

2015

(Great Plains)

Pine Ridge Leadership Team

(Great Plains)

Wagner IHS Facilities Department

(Headquarters)

IHS OIT Laboratory Informatics Team

(Navajo)

GIMC Business Office Patient Benefit Coordinator Team

(Navajo)

GIMC ER Clinical Pharmacist

(Oklahoma)

Lawton Indian Hospital IMPRESS Customer Service Team

(Portland)

Chemawa Integrated Behavioral Health/Primary Care Team

USPHS Commissioned Corps Honor Awards 2015

CDR Jeffrey Lawrence (Navajo)
CAPT Timothy Ricks (Nashville)
CDR Christopher Bengson (Phoenix)
CDR Darren Buchanan (Headquarters)
CAPT Matthew Clark, MD (Albuquerque)
CDR India Hunter (Alaska)
CDR Glenn Janzen (Headquarters)
CAPT Jodie Jolly (Alaska)
RADM Kevin Meeks (Oklahoma)
CAPT Stephen Rith-Najaran (Bemidji)
CAPT Mark Rives (Headquarters)
LCDR Seneca Smith (Oklahoma)
CDR Michael Tilus (Great Plains)
CAPT Michael Toedt (Nashville)
LCDR Velia Turknett (Alaska)
CDR Shari Windt (Tucson)

2016 AWARDEES



IHS Director's Awards

Team

2015

(Phoenix)

Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training Team

(Portland)

Yellowhawk Átawisamataṣ Home Visiting Program

(Portland)

Western Oregon Service Unit Pharmacy Department

(Tucson)

Securing Tohono O'odham Project (STOP)

(Tucson)

Tucson Area Child Passenger Safety Technicians

IHS Director's Awards

Individual

2015

Philip Hofstetter, Au.D (Alaska)

CDR Sara Doran-Atchison, PharmD, MPH, NCPS (Alaska)

Tammy Leung (Albuquerque)

CAPT Brian E. Hroch, MPH, CIH, CSP, REHS (Albuquerque)

Christopher Poole, LCSW, DHA (Bemidji)

CDR Larron Dolence, PharmD, BC-ADM, NCPS (Billings)

Destinie Doney, CPCS (Billings)

Christine Brennan, MPH (California)

Pattigail Whitehouse (California)

George Walker (Great Plains)

Cheryl Donovan (Great Plains)

Christopher Jones (Headquarters)

Sean Dooley (Headquarters)

Rita Gonsalves (Nashville)

Lindsay King, MBA (Nashville)

LCDR Christina Andrade, PharmD, BCPS, NCPS (Navajo)

George J. Donati, CPC (Navajo)

Micah Nix, DO (Oklahoma)

**IHS Director's Awards
Individual
2015**

(Oklahoma)
Cara Thompson, DO, FACOG

(Phoenix)
Tyler C. Goddard, LCSW

(Portland)
Mary Morphet-Brown, MSN, NP-C

(Portland)
Jonathan McNamara, BS, CBET

**IHS Director's Awards
Team
2015**

Rural Energy Initiative (Alaska)
Norton Sound Health Corporation Pharmacy Department (Alaska)
AAO Internal Deployment Team (Albuquerque)
KPHC - SDHC Staff (Albuquerque)
Revenue Enhancement Committee (Billings)
Crow Service Unit Optometry Department (Billings)
California Area Office (California)
Cheyenne River Health Center (Great Plains)
Quentin N. Burdick Memorial Health Care Facility (Great Plains)
VA-IHS BCMA Cross-Function Team (Headquarters)
IHS Clinical Support Center (Headquarters)
Office of Tribal Self-Governance Database Workgroup (Headquarters)
VA-IHS BCMA Cross-Function Team (Headquarters)
Nashville Area HR Team (Nashville)
Communities of Hope Team (Navajo)
Navajo Area Health Information Management Position
Description Workgroup (Navajo)
IHS Medication Synchronization Appointment-Based Model (Oklahoma)
Claremore Indian Hospital Cardiology Service (Oklahoma)
Active Shooter Planning Team (Phoenix)