

The National Nurse Leadership Council is proud to recognize the following nurses and staff as the 2010 awardees honored at the Nurse Leaders in Native Care Conference Awards Luncheon on July 21, 2010 in Washington, DC.

Clinical Nurse Award

***Irene Bahe, RN***

Navajo Area

Winslow Indian Health Care Center, Inc

Public Health Nurse Award

***Josephine Binford, RN***

Public Health Nurse

Albuquerque Area

Taos-Picuris Service Unit

Nursing Group Award

***Wagner IHS Nurses***

Aberdeen Area

Wagner Service Unit

Licensed Practice Nurse Award

***Mike Slesar, LPN***

Public Health Nursing

Phoenix Area

Gila River Health Care, Inc.

***Brenda Wright, LVN***

Clinical Manager

California Area

Chapa-De Indian Health Program, Inc.

Ancillary Nursing Practice Award

***Esther Chee, NA***

OB Unit

Navajo Area

Gallup Indian Medical Center

Special Friend of Nursing Award

***George Valliere, CEO***

Oklahoma Area

Claremore Indian Hospital

**USPHS Chief Nurse Officer Awards**

CAPT Lisa Dolan

Aphreikah Duhaney

CDR Ruth Kawano

Valerie Kelley

Joyce Kennedy

CDR Robin Lee

Melody Robledo-Flolo

Lorinda Sampson

CDR Jana Towne

The following IHS and Tribal nurses are being recognized by the National Nurse Leadership Council (NNLC) for their stellar performance, commitment, and dedication to serving American Indian and Alaska Native people. They were formally recognized at the 2010 IHS National Combined Councils' Awards Banquet on March 22, 2010 in Phoenix, Arizona.

**NNLC Award for Exceptional Performance in Advanced Practice Nursing**

***Rose Saltclah, NP***

Navajo Area  
Nurse Practitioner  
Crownpoint Health Care Facility; Crownpoint, New Mexico

**NNLC Award for Exceptional Performance**

***Mechelle Morgan-Flowers, RN***

Navajo Area  
Immunization Review/Discharge Planning  
Fort Defiance Indian Hospital; Fort Defiance, Arizona

**NNLC Award for Managerial Excellence**

***Anthony Agard, RN***

Aberdeen Area  
Director of Nursing  
Standing Rock Hospital; Fort Yates, North Dakota

**NNLC Lifetime Achievement Award**

***Erna Johnson, RN***

Phoenix Area  
Nurse Executive  
Colorado River Service Unit; Parker, Arizona