



Indian Health Service
Nashville Area Office
711 Stewarts Ferry Pike
Nashville, TN 37214

11/16/2017

TO: All Nashville Area Employees

FROM: 2017 Award's Committee Co-Chair

SUBJECT: RSVP for 2017 Nashville Area Honor Awards

This letter is to request for the listed Awardee's to please RSVP by November, 2017. I ask that all of the Awardee's who plan to attend the 2017 Awards Ceremony to email Angela Kephart at angela.kephart@ihs.gov to confirm your attendance to the 2017 Awards Ceremony.

I would also like to encourage all of the Civil Service Employees who are planning to attend to dress in their traditional attire.

Director's Award for Excellence

- NAO Human Resources Team – Nashville Area Office
 - O.J. King
 - Denise Odegaard
 - Shirley Toribio
 - Eileen Chavez
 - Sydney Ketcher
 - Alyssa Janis
- Chief Beverley Cook – St. Regis Mohawk
- Jim Meredith
- Scott McCoy – NAO
- Kitcki Carroll
- Chief Kirk Francis – Penobscot Indian Nation
- Chief Lynn Malerba – Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut

Exceptional Performance Award

- Jason White – Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians/Cherokee Indian Hospital
- Patient Centered Medical Home Work Group
 - Sarah Wachacha – Quality Improvement Manager
 - Abgail White – Clinical Informaticist
 - Dana Wiseman – Clinical Informaticist
 - Sarah Greene – Outpatient Nurse Lead
 - April Ross – Outpatient Nurse Lead
- Mashpee Accreditation Team
 - Rita Gonsalves
 - Kelsey Simms
 - Jeanette Smith
 - Denise Cardoza
 - Dr. Jose Molinar

- Dr. Benjamin Warren
- Wampsikuk Mills

Employee of the Year – Administrative Support Service

- Patricia Welch – Manlius Field Office
- Bree Tiger - NAO

Employee of the Year – Behavioral Health Provider

- Merida Stephens – MBCI Choctaw Behavioral Health

Employee of the Year – Clinical Support Service

- Bobbie Coleman – MBCI/Respiratory Therapy
- Dwight Isaac – Credentialing Specialist-NAO

Employee of the Year – Dental Provider

- Dr. Benjamin Warren – Mashpee Field Office

Employee of the Year – Environmental Health/Engineering

- Tia Hastings – OEH&E-SFC Manlius Field Office

Employee of the Year – Medical Provider

- Dr. Laci Jamison – Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians/Cherokee Indian Hospital
- Dr. Jacob Lonh – MS Band of Choctaw Indian/PHS
- CAPT Lisa Denzer – Cherokee Indian Hospital

Employee of the Year – Nurse

- Glenda “Glen” Capps – Micmac Service Unit
- Kim Moore – MBCI/Primary Care Nursing

Employee of the Year – Outstanding Customer Service

- Anissa Smith – MS Band of Choctaw Indians/Security
- Blanche Jones – Onondaga PRC Program

Employee of the Year – Pharmacist

- William Freiberg – Catawba Service Unit
- Lindsay Edwards – Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians/Cherokee Indian Hospital

Tribal/Urban Program Recognition Award

- Miccosukee GPRA Improvement Team – Miccosukee Tribe
 - Virginia Mahotiere
 - Bethel Laine
 - Rose Lapomarel
 - Marilyn Ferguson
 - Hyacinth Logan
 - Manny Alvarez
 - Anna Van Stippen
 - Saundra Osceola

- Pequot GPRA Improvement Team – Mashantucket Pequot
 - JoAnn Wilkinson
 - Roberthe Antoine
 - Carol Murray
 - Kamala Hopkins
- Pharmacy Indian Management Team – Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians/Cherokee Indian Hospital
- Sheena Crowe – Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians/Cherokee Indian Hospital
- Tyler Melton – Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians/Cherokee Indian Hospital
- Weston Thompson – Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians/Cherokee Indian Hospital
- Deedra Tubby
- BCMA Team – Choctaw Health Center
 - Sheila Asarisi
 - Leslie Willis
 - Kristen Blair
 - Charles McKee
 - Jason Myers
 - Sarah Melton
 - Becky Champion
 - Charmaine Walker
 - Matthew Bell
 - Dave McKee

Self-Development Achievement Award

- Faron Gardner – Choctaw Health Center
- Michelle Nahlee – NAO
- Alyssa Janis – NAO

Special Initiative Award

- Patient Wait Times Workgroup – Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians/Cherokee Indian Hospital
 - Rebecca Carlson
 - Steve Smalley
 - Tori Crowe
 - Shelby Hornbuckle
- Clinical Team – Micmac Service Unit
 - Elizabeth Cote Estrada – MD
 - Glenda Capps – RN
 - Megan – MA
 - Samantha Cochran – Front Desk
 - Shirley Jewell – Front Desk
- John Shutze – NAO-Quality Improvement
- Jessica Greene – NAO-Billing Office

- Influenza Vaccination Team – Catawba Service Unit
 - Hollis Reed – Clinical Nurse Supervisor
 - Heather Rhodes – Community Health Nurse
 - Tonya Cornwell – Health System Administrator
 - Misti Houch – Pharmacist
 - Will Freiberg – Assistant Vaccine Purchaser
 - Karen Beck-Lyner
 - Joseph Bell – Pediatrician
 - John Shutze – Improvement Advisor

- NAO Billing Office
 - Lorraine Reels-Pearson
 - Stephanie Lewis
 - Tina Dial
 - Jessica Greene
 - Alyshia Baker
 - Crystal Moore

- Mashpee Assessment Team
 - Keith Neves
 - Mitch Wright
 - Ralph Ketcher
 - Conny York
 - Jimmy Reedy
 - Ashley Metcalf
 - Sydney Ketcher
 - Shirley Toribio
 - Dr. Vickie Claymore,
 - Shirl Eastep
 - Scott McCoy

- Kyle Ketcher
- Cost Center Project
 - Catherine Willis
 - Alexis Goddard

- Lockport A123 Team
 - Keith Neves
 - Sydney Ketcher
 - Conny York
 - Ralph Ketcher

- Allen Bollinger
- Michelle Nahlee
- Dee Sabattus
- Acting Management Team
 - Dr. Vickie Claymore
 - Ralph Ketcher
 - Mitch Wright
 - Keith Neves

- Conny York

The 2017 Nashville Area Honor Awards Ceremony on Thursday, December 7th, 2017, which will be held at the Music City Convention Center –201 5th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203 from 1:00PM until 4:00PM. There will be a photo session prior to the ceremony starting at 12:00PM.

Sincerely,
/s/ Angela Kephart
Angela Kephart