



INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Director's Awards Ceremony



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**Indian Health Service Director's Awards Ceremony
December 8, 2023, 1:00 P.M. EST
Indian Health Service Headquarters - Rockville, MD**

AGENDA

Commencement by the Master of Ceremonies

Admiral Travis Watts, Director, OKC

Posting of the Colors

Surgeon General's Honor Guard

Traditional Opening

HHS Deputy Secretary's Remarks

Andrea Palm, Deputy Secretary, Health and Human Services

IHS Director's Remarks

Roselyn Tso, Director, Indian Health Service

Keynote Speaker

Delegate Carl Slater, Navajo Tribal Council

Presentation of Awards

IHS Director's Special Recognition Awards

IHS Director's Awards

IHS Director's Awards for Customer Service

IHS Pandemic Heroism Awards

USPHS Commissioned Corps Honor Awards

Extraordinary Length of Service Awards

HHS Green Champion Award

Luana Reyes Leadership Award Presentation

Closing Remarks

Roselyn Tso, Director, Indian Health Service

Retiring of the Colors

Surgeon General's Honor Guard

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

IHS Director's Awards

IHS Director's Award

This Award recognizes service that has significantly advanced the IHS mission and vision through work focused on the goals and objectives in the IHS Strategic Plan; Access, Quality, and Management Operations with particular emphasis on quality improvement activities.

IHS Director's Award for Customer Service

This Award recognizes service that has significantly advanced the IHS mission and vision and strategic goals and objectives through customer service. This award is designed to recognize innovation and exceptional performance and/or exemplary actions resulting in quality service to customers, stakeholders, and/or partners of the IHS.

IHS Pandemic Heroism Award

This Award recognizes exceptional, dedicated work and selfless responses in the face of the coronavirus pandemic. This Award recognizes service that advanced the IHS mission and vision through work focused on the aims and objectives in the IHS COVID-19 Action Plan.

USPHS Commissioned Corps Honor Award

This Award recognizes USPHS Commissioned Corps individuals for their Distinguished, Meritorious and Outstanding Service Medal.

40, 45 & 50 Years Length of Service Award

This award recognizes IHS employees with 40, 45 & 50 or more years of federal service.

2022 AWARDEES

JHS Director's Special Recognition Awards

Dr. Mia Lozada
Kevin Sandoval

LCDR Cody Wolff
Dr. Jennie Wei

JHS Director's Special Recognition Award: Urban Leadership Awards

Francys Crevier

Helena Indian Alliance

JHS Director's Special Recognition Award: Tribal Leadership / Partnership Awards

Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
Erick Spuck

Salt River Prima-Maricopa Indian
Community

JHS Director's Awards

Individual Awards

Christopher Fehrman	(AK)	LCDR Dena Smith	(BEM)
Ella Gonzalez	(AK)	Cole Dysinger	(BIL)
Janette Harrell	(ABQ)	Dana Matejovsky	(BIL)
Jason Kurland	(ABQ)	Marci Miles-DeTienne	(BIL)
Rachel Trippett	(ABQ)	Tara Salley	(BIL)
CDR Brian Breuer	(BEM)	Cheyenne Tall Bull	(BIL)
LCDR Allan Demuth	(BEM)	Raymond Tierney	(BIL)
Marleen Glaesmann	(BEM)	LCDR Ali Ali	(CA)
Harold Lindsey	(BEM)		
Kelly Stephenson	(CA)		

IHS Director's Awards

Individual Awards continued

Colleen Campbell-Lane	(GP)	Derrick Harvey	(NAV)
Michelle Chmela	(GP)	Desmond Jones	(NAV)
Juanita Gott	(GP)	Jacy Lee	(NAV)
Justin Keckler	(GP)	Jericho Lewis	(NAV)
Dayle Knutson	(GP)	Mildred Lincoln	(NAV)
Darrell Miller	(GP)	John Ratmeyer	(NAV)
CAPT Jon Schuchardt	(GP)	Sharlene Todicheeny	(NAV)
Kimm Schweitzer	(GP)	Candace Tsingine	(NAV)
Marlene Wakefield	(GP)	Jessica Weeks	(NAV)
Santiago Almaraz	(HQ)	Jeff Blackmon	(OKC)
Yvonne Davis	(HQ)	Martha Farley	(OKC)
Akosua Gyekye-Kusi	(HQ)	Adrian Gray	(OKC)
Carmen Licavoli-Hardin	(HQ)	Todd Hallmark	(OKC)
Michelle Livingston	(HQ)	LCDR Phil O'Bourke	(OKC)
Heather McClane	(HQ)	Michael Shackelford	(OKC)
Shara Michalka	(HQ)	Tiffany Allery	(PHX)
Rachael Tracy	(HQ)	David Collier	(PHX)
Jennifer Downs	(NAS)	Henry Dodge	(PHX)
Jennifer Floor	(NAS)	Heather Huentelman	(PHX)
Candy Henderly	(NAS)	Elvira Mosely	(PHX)
Heidi Vernold	(NAS)	Eliezer Shinnar	(PHX)
Joshua Vilcan	(NAS)	LCDR Rick Anderton	(POR)
Gilberto Alvarez	(NAV)	Celeste Kieffer	(POR)
Julia Beamesderfer	(NAV)	CAPT Michael McLaughlin	(POR)
Misty Billy	(NAV)	Rachel Nua	(POR)
Ernestine Cleveland	(NAV)	LCDR Rachel Taylor	(POR)
Alex Daniels	(NAV)		

Team Awards

ANMC Hip Fracture Review Team	(AK)		
ANMC Purchased/Referred Care Dept	(AK)	Cass Lake Employee Wellness	
Division of Contracts and Grants		Committee	(BEM)
Management	(ABQ)	Crow Agency Service Unit Optometry &	
Mescalero Continuous Glucose		Occupation Therapy Program	(BIL)
Monitoring Team	(ABQ)	Little Shell Service Unit	
MSU Laboratory Team	(ABQ)	Dental Department	(BIL)
San Felipe Health Clinic	(ABQ)	Northern Cheyenne Service Unit Purchase	
Zuni Business Office	(ABQ)	and Referred Care Team	(BIL)
Zuni Medical Records Department	(ABQ)	Northern Cheyenne Service Unit	
Cass Lake IHS Pharmacy's		SANE Team	(BIL)
Harm Reduction Program	(BEM)	Wind River Service Unit Pharmacy Team	(BIL)
Red Lake Hospital Emergency Dept		CA Cross Functional	
Boarding Initiative	(BEM)	Facilities Committee	(CAL)

IHS Director's Awards

Team Awards continued

Rosebud Patient Business Office	(GP)	Fort Thompson Public Health Nursing	(GP)
Pine Ridge Service Unit		I-STAR Patient Safety Dashboard	
PHN Department	(GP)	Workgroup	(HQ)
Twelve Clans Unity Hospital Pharmacy	(GP)	IHS National Ending the HIV Epidemic	
Sisseton IHS Procurement		in the U.S. Team	(HQ)
and Contracting	(GP)	IHS Telehealth Guidance for Healthcare	
Fort Yates Radiology Department	(GP)	Providers and Patients Team	(HQ)
Great Plains Area Video Team	(GP)	Indian Health Geriatric Scholars	
Alzheimer's Grant Program Team	(HQ)	(GeriScholars)	(HQ)
Division of Administrative and		MASU Mobile Unit Launch Team	(NAS)
Emergency Services	(HQ)	Catawba SU Continuous	
Division of Grants Management	(HQ)	Glucose Monitor Team	(NAS)
HOPE Committee Opioid Stewardship &		NAO Purchased/Referred Care Team	(NAS)
Dashboard Super Users	(HQ)		
USET Native Psychological Brilliance		Tsaile Health Center Case	
Series Team	(NAS)	Manager / Informatics	(NAV)
Crownpoint Business Office	(NAV)	GIMC EVS Team	(NAV)
GMC Diabetes Clinical		Dzilh-na-o-dith-hle Health Care Team	(NAV)
Pharmacy Team	(NAV)	Claremore Indian Hospital Congestive	
Public Health Nursing Division	(NAV)	Heart Failure Clinic	(OKC)
Crownpoint Pharmacy	(NAV)	Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority	
CHEST Team	(NAV)	Pharmacy Service	(OKC)
for Healthcare		Clinton Service Unit Facilities Mngmt.	(OKC)
Dzilh-na-o-dith-hle PHN Team	(NAV)	Clinton Service Unit PRC Department	(OKC)
Pinon Health Center Diabetes and		Clinton Service Unit Behavioral HD	(OKC)
Nutrition Department	(NAV)	PIMC Audiology Department	(PHX)
NNMC Sih Hasin Street Medicine		PIMC Call Center Workgroup	(PHX)
Mobile Clinic	(NAV)	PIMC Nursing Education	(PHX)
Navajo Culture and Language		Southwestern Dietetic Internship	(PHX)
for Healthcare	(NAV)	PC Medicine Clinic Empanelment Team	(PHX)
Chinle Security Department	(NAV)	Joslin Vision Network	
Pinon Health Center - Patient		Teleophthalmology Program	(PHX)
Accounts Department	(NAV)	Yakama HIS Pharmacy Vaccination	(POR)
GIMC COVID Car Based Team		WOSU Clinical Team	(POR)
- Swab Staff	(NAV)	Colville Tribe Public Works Dept.	(POR)
FCRHC Community Health Team	(NAV)	WOSU Lab	(POR)
Chinle Counseling Services	(NAV)	Social Determinants of Health Initiative	(POR)

PAHS Director's Award for Customer Service

Individual Awards

Yolanda Adams	(ABQ)	Ella Begay	(NAV)
Kimberly Stanfield	(ABQ)	Willander Charley	(NAV)
CDR Teresa Grund	(BEM)	Joshua Laughing	(NAV)
Mary McLean	(BEM)	Brandon Bell	(OKC)
Brandi Dimmitt	(GP)	Lauren Taylor	(OKC)
Sara Dinger	(GP)	Cathy Thomas	(OKC)
Sherry Lulf	(GP)	Dr. Sean Wang	(OKC)
Christina Odens	(GP)	JC Arellano	(PHX)
Robyn Parkes	(GP)	Zane Whyte	(PHX)
Christopher McGucken	(HQ)	Cameron Marshall	(POR)
Brendon Moran	(HQ)	Sara Numkena	(POR)
Natasha Royal	(HQ)	CDR Ryan Pett	(POR)
Jennifer Tonemah	(NAS)	Sierra Schatz	(POR)
Mindy Bailey	(NAV)		

Team Awards

Red Lake Pharmacy Harm Reduction Team	(BEM)	Extraordinary Life Saving Measures	(NAS)
Bemidji Area Human Resources	(BEM)	Shinnecock Service Unit –	
Northern Cheyenne Service Unit Public		Purchased Referred Care	(NAS)
Health Nursing	(BIL)	Tohatchi Dental Team	(NAV)
Wind River Service Unit Purchased		FCRHC Customer Service Committee	(NAV)
Referred Care Department	(BIL)	GIMC IRM Team	(NAV)
Northern Cheyenne Service Unit Facilities	(BIL)	NNMC Case Mngmt. Med. Support Assts	(NAV)
Northern Cheyenne Service Unit		Choctaw Nation McAlester Health Clinic	(OKC)
Transportation Drivers	(BIL)	Lawton Indian Hospital Pharmacy Techs	(OKC)
Eagle Butte Infection Control/Prevention	(GP)	Wewoka Indian Health Center Purchase	
Kyle Outpatient/Pediatric Department	(GP)	Referred Care	(OKC)
Sisseton IHS Business Office	(GP)	Clinton Indian Health Center	
HQ Travel Team	(HQ)	EVS Department	(OKC)
Division of Commissioned		PIMC Pharmacy Technician and Medical	
Personnel Support	(HQ)	Support Assistant (MSA) Team	(PHX)
USET Special Diabetes		PAIHS OHP Laboratory Program	(PHX)
Program for Indians	(NAS)	DES/Portland Area OEHE	
		Contracting Team	(POR)

PAHS Pandemic Heroism Award

Individual Awards

Gail Osborne	(ABQ)	Darryl Smith	(HQ)
Gerard Sagassige	(BEM)	Miranda Begay	(NAV)
LT Dwan Kendrick	(GP)	Glorianna Dougi	(NAV)
Christina Morin	(GP)	Benjamin Glick	(NAV)
Julie Corbin	(HQ)	Laura McCluney	(NAV)

USPHS Pandemic Heroism Award

Individual Awards continued

Eileen Russell	(NAV)	LT Ashley Krumenacker	(PHX)
Trent Pembrook	(OKC)	Matthew Pettengill	(PHX)
LCDR Brett Whitehead	(OKC)	Karla Mankoff	(POR)

Team Awards

ZCCHC Urgent Care/ER Team	(ABQ)	Navajo Department of Health - NHEP	(NAV)
Red Lake COVID-19 Pharmacy Technician Vaccination Team	(BEM)	Chinle Radiology Team	(NAV)
Crow Agency Service Unit Public Health Nursing	(BIL)	Four Corner Regional Health Center COVID-19 Car Clinic Team	(NAV)
Crow Agency Service Unit Pharmacy Department	(BIL)	Kayenta Health Center Outpatient Primary Care Team (OPD)	(NAV)
Belcourt Public Health Nursing	(GP)	Pinon Counseling Services	(NAV)
Pine Ridge Service Unit Housekeeping	(GP)	Tsaile Health Center IMT	(NAV)
Pine Ridge Service Unit Quality Management Nursing	(GP)	COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Infusion Clinic Team	(NAV)
Fort Thompson Health Center Providers/Nurses/MSAs/CHRs/Lab/Pharmacy	(GP)	KSU Emergency Department Nursing Team	(NAV)
IHS National COVID-19 Critical Care Response - HQ Management Team	(HQ)	Pinon Health Center Incident Management Team	(NAV)
Cherokee Indian Hospital Pharmacists	(NAS)	CSU Public Health Homebound Vaccination Task Force	(NAV)
USET Tribal Epidemiology Team	(NAS)	CSU Epi Response Strike Team	(NAV)
FCRHC COVID-19 Screening Technicians	(NAV)	Choctaw Nation Pharmacy - Talihina	(OKC)
GIMC COVID Car Based Team- Providers	(NAV)	National Supply Service Center Finance Team	(OKC)
FCRHC Housekeeping Department	(NAV)	Claremore Indian Hospital... Emergency Department	(OKC)
Four Corners Regional Health Center Security Department	(NAV)	Elko Service Unit Pharmacy	(PHX)
GIMC Clinical Applications Coordinators	(NAV)	PIMC Hospitalist Group	(PHX)
Northern Navajo Medical Center COVID-19 Outdoor Response Team	(NAV)	Elko Service Unit Pharmacy Team	(PHX)
		PIMC COVID Screening Department	(PHX)

USPHS Commissioned Corps Honor Awards

Distinguished Service Medal

CAPT Chris Brady (CAL)

Meritorious Service Medal

CAPT Leigh Hubbard	(AK)	CAPT Ramsey Hawasly	(HQ)
CAPT Brian Hroch	(ABQ)	CAPT Stephen Navarro	(HQ)
CAPT Judy Rose	(BEM)	CAPT Martha Wanca	(HQ)
CAPT Christopher Allen	(GP)	CAPT Jeffrey Krouskop	(PHX)
CAPT Gordon Delchamps	(HQ)	CDR Robert Morones	(PHX)

USPHS Commissioned Corps Honor Awards

Outstanding Service Medal

CDR Tammy Buntjer
LCDR Rovigel Gelviro
CDR Adam Harris
CAPT Kara King
CDR Brian Lefferts
CDR Brian Lefferts
CDR Molly Rutledge
CDR Christopher Cordes
LCDR Dewey Foutz
LCDR Reyna Garcia
LCDR Jason Harris
LCDR Kimberly Jones
CDR John Sickman
LCDR Thu Tran
CDR Jessica Anderson
LCDR Christopher Frazer
CAPT Cynthia Gunderson
CDR Columbus Nettles
LCDR Jason Truax
CDR Dawn Benth
LCDR Nathan Moyer
CDR Greg Smith
CDR Angela Troutt
LCDR Michael Turnington
CAPT Mark Hench
CDR Emily Streeter
LCDR Abby Peterson
CAPT Holly Rice
LCDR Michael Shilhanek
LT Brenda Steiger
CDR Mary Thoennes
LCDR Samantha Gustafson
CDR Glenn Janzen
LCDR Molly Madson
CDR Martin Smith
CAPT Sandra Adkins
CDR Carol Cummins

LCDR Anatheia Edleman
CDR Lashley Hatch
CDR Sara Jager
CDR Colleen White
CDR Dwayne David
CDR Christopher Duff
CDR Rebecca Geiger
LCDR Morgan Greutman
CDR Elizabeth Hosselkus
LCDR John Hunt
CDR Joseph Jones
CDR Joseph Landers
CDR Shannon Lowe
CDR Kristie Purdy
CDR David Setwyn
CDR Scott Fillerup
LCDR Anna Kit
CDR Kimberley Langley
CDR Nicholas Laughton
CDR John Lester
CDR Jeff Maxon
LCDR Michael McSherry
LT Amy Nham
LCDR Justin Tafoya
LCDR Andrea Tsatoke
LCDR Laura Vaughn
LCDR Daniel Conant
CDR Darren Heer
LCDR Michelle Livingston
LCDR Noel Miraflor
CAPT Lori Snidow
CDR Darren Ausdemore
CDR Adam Hughes
LCDR Angela Leiferman
LCDR Pritesh Patel
LCDR Elizabeth Van Dyne
CAPT John Whitesides

Extraordinary Length of Service Awards

40 Years

Paula Poncho	(AK)	Jacalyn Black	(HQ)	Penny Bowley	(POR)
Doreen Chavez	(ABQ)	Christine Ortiz	(NAV)	Jimmie Charley	(PHX)
Agnes Keams	(PHX)	Nellie Jim	(NAV)	Corinne Zospah	(PHX)
Sally King	(NAV)	Diane Peach	(GP)		

45 Years

Debra Downs	(OKC)	Susan Rey	(CAL)
Rodney Gilliland	(PHX)	Linda Harris	(OKC)
Jean Othole	(ABQ)	Jane Sisneros	(ABQ)
Deena Rosario	(GP)	Mary Jose	(TUS)
Daniel Bearing	(BIL)		

50 Years

Benny Chee Sr. (NAV)

55 Years

Janet Yazzie (NAV)

HHS Green Champion Award

**2022 HHS Green Champion Award Winner for IHS
Climate Resilience and Health Equity Award – Individual**

Andrea Taylor (HQ)



Luana Reyes Leadership Award



Luana Reyes

Luana Reyes Leadership Award

This annual honor is reserved for an individual whose professional and/or community involvement demonstrates the kind of leadership that Ms. Luana Reyes exemplified. This awardee demonstrates exceptional initiative and made the most of the advantages and opportunities available to them.

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