

Call for Nominations for PPAC Physician Awards for 2013

Deadline Date: 19 April 2013

The Physicians Professional Advisory Committee (PPAC) to the Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) is seeking nominations for four physician awards. These awards will be presented on category day at the USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium (www.phscofevents.org) at the Glendale, Arizona. The awards will honor either Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) civil service employees or physicians of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps). Listed below are descriptions and evaluation criteria for each of the four awards.

Clinical Physician of the Year

This award will recognize a clinical physician who consistently achieves high standards in the practice of medicine. He/she is able to find innovative ways of delivering quality medical care despite the constraints of budget and personnel. This individual is consistently looked upon as a role model by his/her peers and is a valuable resource person due to the extended length of his/her service.

There are four evaluation criteria for this award:

1. Clinical skills (examples: board certification; CME activity; additional relevant clinical training/skills; etc.)
2. Innovative contributions to delivering patient care (examples: developed new ways to educate patients; used home visits to improve access and quality of care; etc.)
3. Contributions to the field of clinical medicine (examples: teaching medical students/residents; patient education; membership in medical societies; publications; etc.)
4. Leadership (examples: supervise staff/team; Department Chair/Head; Clinic Director; etc.)

Research Physician of the Year

Recognizes individual initiative, accomplishment, and accountability for actions that increase the overall effectiveness of the HHS through research. This individual has established research programs or approaches that enhance healthcare delivery or has improved existing research programs. In addition, he/she has developed and implemented research programs that have raised the health and safety consciousness of the public or resulted in significant cost savings or cost avoidance.

The following elements are the evaluation criteria for this award:

1. Research publications in peer-reviewed journals
2. Research publications in popular and lay print
3. Scientific lectures and presentations
4. Contributions to the future development of the field (examples: teaching students/residents; mentoring; membership in professional societies; etc.)
5. Leadership (examples: supervise staff/team; Department Chair/Head; Director of a research laboratory or program; etc.)

Applied Public Health Physician of the Year

This award will recognize a physician executive who plays a key role in the successful administration or management of an office or program activity. This individual makes exceptional contributions to the accomplishments, goals, and objectives of HHS or his/her agency and may serve while serving as an manager, administrator, or supervisor, or team leader. He/she exercises exceptional judgment in making managerial decisions and developing innovations that provide increased effectiveness in the management of programs. He/she makes choices that maximize the use of available resources and enhances the goodwill between the U.S. Government and the public.

The evaluation criteria for this award are as follows:

1. Leading Change (examples: developed/implemented an organizational vision; strategic planning; etc.)
2. Leading People (examples: ability to design strategies to foster teamwork; maximize employees' potential; etc.)
3. Business Acumen (examples: ability to acquire financial and human resources; identifies cost effective approaches to meet goals; etc.)
4. Builds Coalitions/Enhances Communication (examples: developed partnerships; participated in professional societies; published; etc.)

Junior Physician of the Year

This award will recognize a physician who is at the rank of O-3 or O-4 and has made significant contributions to the Commissioned Corps and the Agency they are assigned to. This individual is early in their career with the Public Health Service yet has already demonstrated excellence and dedication to the Commissioned Corps

There are three evaluation criteria for this award:

1. Job related skills (examples: excellence as either a clinician, researcher, mental health provider or in the field of applied public health)
2. Innovative contributions to their workplace (examples: developed new ways to educate patients; new methods related to areas of research or applied public health; etc.)
3. Officership (examples: demonstrates promotion of the Commissioned Corps through recruitment, deployment, participation in PPAC and other committees etc.)

How to Nominate:

- The PPAC awards committee will consider all nominations that are received by **16 April 2012**.
- Submit nominations to the mail address below or as a PDF file to the email address listed below. Submission sent by facsimile machine or routine word documents will not be accepted.
- Each nomination package should include a brief narrative (1-2 pages) explaining how the physician meets the award criteria, the nominee's title, supervisor's name and phone number, HHS Operating Division/Staff Division or non-HHS organization to which the Corps officer is assigned, address, fax, and telephone numbers.
- The nominee's current curriculum vitae should also be included.
- A brief, one sentence statement as to the reason this nominee deserves this award should be included in the nomination package.
- Nomination packages should include the name and phone number of the person submitting the nomination.

Please Note:

- Only nomination packages from this 2013 cycle will be eligible for consideration.
- Nomination packages from previous years will not be automatically considered; officers nominated previously may be re-nominated.
- Current and former PPAC members are not eligible for consideration for these awards until at least 1 year has passed since completing their tour of duty as a PPAC member.

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