2017 Public Health Champion CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Kansas Association of Local Health Department’s (KALHD) Public Health Champion award is given annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the Kansas public health system at the local level.

Purpose & Criteria
The purpose of the KALHD Public Health Champion award is to recognize an individual who has made a significant contribution to the public health system at the local level.

Judging
A three-person panel, comprised of members of the KALHD Board of Directors, will review application materials and make the final award decision. Panelists will be chosen by the KALHD Executive Director and Board President based upon their knowledge of the local public health system and current issues in public health. No nominees may serve on the judging panel.

Nomination
The official nomination form and supporting materials must be received in the KALHD office by close of business on Friday, September 15, 2017.

Eligibility
Nominees may include local public health professionals (employed by KALHD member departments) or other individuals who have made significant efforts to support the public health system (examples may include, but are not limited to, county commissioners/members of the local Board of Health, county counselors, local health officers, etc.).

Award
The award will be presented at the 42nd annual conference of the Kansas Association of Counties, November 15-16, 2017 during the awards luncheon.

Submission Deadline
Nominations must be received in the KALHD Office by the close of business on September 15, 2017.

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Areas of Evaluation will include the following:

Please detail the nature of service and contributions to the local public health system in Kansas. Applications will be judged on the individual’s contribution/impact to the community, health improvement, and to promoting public health. Please be as detailed as possible. Submissions are limited to 2 pages, double-spaced, with 1 inch margins and up to 5 additional pages of supporting materials, as relevant.

Areas of Evaluation will include the following:

1. Evidence of a commitment to improving the health of the community.
2. Evidence of advocacy efforts to advance the cause of public health.
3. Evidence of active participation in the programs and activities of a local health department, local public health coalition or initiative, and/or the KALHD.
4. Evidence of a significant contribution to the field of local public health practice as a thoughtful leader.