Awards Information Packet

For Awards Presented at the:

MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

2015 Public Health Conference & Annual Meeting
October 28 – 30, 2015
Hilton Jackson, Jackson MS

“In Pursuit of Healthier…”
The Mississippi Public Health Association has a long history of recognition of outstanding public health work in Mississippi. There are many deserving and long serving professionals we would like to recognize as part of our Public Health Conference and Annual Meeting. Please assist us in this as we seek nominations in three award categories:

1. **Longevity Awards** - Recognizes members who have 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 etc. years of public health service.
2. **Section Awards** - Our sections recognize outstanding service and professionalism in their respective areas of expertise.
3. **Prestige Awards** - The highest honors awarded for four specific achievements and lifetime of work accomplishment in public health.

**DEADLINES**

In order to plan and adequately prepare for these awards, we have established the following deadlines:

1. Longevity Information Form – Must be submitted to the Awards Chair by **September 25**
2. Section Awards - Nominations must be submitted to Section Chair by **September 25**
3. Prestige Awards - Nominations must be submitted to the Awards Chair by **October 2**

**OVERVIEW**

**Where?** All awards are presented at the Annual Public Health Conference October 28-30. We encourage your attendance, but you do not have to be present to receive recognition.

**When?** Section Awards will be honored during the Opening Session on Wednesday October 28. Longevity will be presented at the Thursday, October 29, luncheon and Prestige Awards TBA.

**How?** You must be a current MPHA member by October 2 and if you attend the conference you must register to attend.

**Who?** Should you have question contact Joyce Brown at 601-576-7951 or by emailing questions to Kay Henry at kay.henry@msdh.ms.gov.
MPHA is proud to recognize outstanding contributions through our most prestigious awards in recognition of four outstanding representatives of public health in Mississippi.

**AWARDS** *(Additional Information on these awards available on website at www.mspha.org)*

**Felix J. Underwood Award:** Given to individuals who share concern with Dr. Underwood – “the father of public health in Mississippi” – for protecting the health of Mississippians.

**Alton B. Cobb Lifetime Achievement Award:** Given to individuals who exemplify the service standards set by Dr. Alton Cobb.

**Jon “Vic” Bailey Award:** Given to an individual who has performed outstanding service to his or her community or to an individual in the community during the preceding 12 months.

**Larry H. Rouse MPHA Outstanding Member Award:** Given to an individual member of MPHA for outstanding contributions, leadership and achievements in service to MPHA. Individuals nominated must have been active MPHA members for at least five consecutive years to receive this award.

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- Nominations are made from members, sections and other public health professionals from across the state.

- Nominations are accepted by completion and submission of Prestige Nomination Form and supporting documents by **October 2, 2015.**

- Winners are selected by vote of the MPHA Executive Committee.

- MPHA membership must be completed by October 7.

*Completed Prestige Nomination Forms should be directed to:*

MPHA Awards Chair  
Mississippi State Department of Health, Field Services  
570 East Woodrow Wilson Blvd, Osborne- 434  
Jackson, MS 39216  
Fax: 601-576-8190
**Prestige Award:** (Choose one)

___Felix J. Underwood Award  
___Alton B. Cobb Lifetime Achievement Award  
___Jon "Vic" Bailey Award  
___Larry H. Rouse MPHA Outstanding Member Award

Person Submitting Nomination: __________________________________________________________

**Nominee**

Name: _______________________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________

Official Title and Location: ______________________________________________________________________

Is this Nominee a current Member of MPHA for 2015? ______ Yes ______ No

**Reason for Nomination:** (attach other pages and letters of support as necessary)

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**Mail this completed nomination form before October 2, 2015 deadline to:**

MPHA Awards Chair  
Mississippi State Department of Health, Field Services  
570 East Woodrow Wilson Blvd, Osborne- 434  
Jackson, MS 39216  
Fax: 601-576-8190
If you have been working in the public health field for 20, 25, 30, or 35 etc. by the end of this calendar year, we would like to recognize you for a 2015 MPHA Longevity Award!

CRITERIA

• Longevity Awards are based on five year increments beginning with 20 years. The award is based on meeting the five year increment during the current calendar year. (example: 20 years of service by the end of December 2015)

• It is the employees/members responsibility to apply for this award, not your supervisor or organization. MPHA will receive a list of MSDH employees who may meet the criteria and assist with distribution and determining eligibility.

• MPHA Membership is required to be eligible for this award. (MPHA membership begins January 1 of each year. If there is a question regarding your membership status, email execdir@mspha.org)

• Longevity Awards will be presented at the MPHA Annual Public Health Conference on Thursday, October 29th during the luncheon. Although attendance is not required to receive the award, conference registration is required if you plan on receiving the award in person.

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1. Complete the Longevity Awards Information Form and return to MPHA Awards Chair no later than September 25, 2015.

2. MPHA will verify and acknowledge you meet the service longevity criteria.

3. Assure your current MPHA Membership is completed no later than October 2 and a conference registration is complete if you plan to receive award at the conference.

Completed Longevity Award Info Form and any questions should be directed to:

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570 East Woodrow Wilson Blvd, Osborne 434
Jackson, MS 39216
Fax: 601-576-8190
Contact: Kay Henry at kay.henry@msdh.ms.gov or Joyce Brown at 601-576-7951
Name _____________________________________________

Years of public health Service: _______

Brief Service description (ex. 25 years at MSDH or other public health organization)

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Yes, I am a current 2015 MPHA Member:  □ Yes  □ No

No, I have not paid membership but will by Oct 2, 2015. □ Yes  □ No

Name to appear on Plaque (print clearly) ________________________________

Phone Number: _______________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________

Work Address: _________________________________________________________

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Fax: 601-576-8190
Section Awards

Section Awards are selected by individual Sections who have guidelines pertaining to each nomination and generally recognize outstanding contribution to a specific field or profession. Nominations are generally accepted from Section membership and currently include the following awards.

2015 AWARDS

- Wilma White Clerk of the Year – Office Professional Section
- Paul M. Rankin Public Health Environmentalist of the Year – Environmentalist Section
- Durward L. Blakey Epidemiology Award – Epidemiology Section
- Randy Caperton Administrator of the Year – Health Administration Section
- Mary D. Osborne Public Health Nurse of the Year – Nursing Section
- Alfio Rausa Medical Care Section Award – Medical Care Section
- Public Health Nurse Aide of the Year – Nursing Section
- Vonda A. Webb Nutritionist of the Year – Nutritionist Section
- John Barr WIC distribution Clerk of the Year – Office Professional Section
- TaWanda Ferrill Breastfeeding Award – Nutritionist Section
- Judy Barber Social Worker of the Year – Social Work Section

PROCESS

- Section Award Nominations are sent to and the responsibility of the Appropriate Section Chair. Contact information for Section Chairs is listed under Awards section on website.
- Sections may have specific criteria established for their awards.
- Deadline for Section Chairs to receive nominations is September 25, 2015
- Deadline for Sections to determine recipients and notify Awards Chair is October 5, 2015 (absolute deadline to have plaques produced)
- Section Award recipients must be a current MPHA member and awards will be presented at the Opening Session of the Annual Public Health Conference on October 28, 2015 at 1:00 PM

For additional criteria and information, please contact the appropriate 2015 Section Chair. They are listed on the MPHA website [www.mspha.org](http://www.mspha.org) under About Us/Organization
AWARD:  (Choose one)

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___Paul M. Rankin Public Health Environmentalist of the Year- Environmentalist Section
___Durward L. Blakey Epidemiology Award- Epidemiology Section
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Person Submitting Nomination: _____________________________________________________

Date: ____________________________________________________________________________

NOMINEE

Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________

Official Title and Location: _________________________________________________________________________

Is this Nominee a current Member of MPHA for 2015? _____ Yes _____No

Award Justification: (Additional pages may be attached if needed)

Mail completed nomination directly to the SECTION CHAIR before the September 25, 2015 deadline. See the MPHA website http://mspha.org under About Us/ Organization for the information for each MPHA Section Chair or email execdir@mspha.org