

# 2015 list of PHNAC award recipients

## **New Public Health Nurse of the Year**

*Heike Adams, Lincoln County Public Health*

Heike Adams in her role as PHN in Lincoln County has fearlessly enacted many of the activities required in their PHIP. Activities includes the formation of a cohesive community Mental Health Coalition, a vital Facebook presence and weekly news articles to the public, successfully launched the NOT (Not On Tobacco) Program in Limon schools, encouraged workplace lactation support locally, and many others.

## **New Public Health Nurse of the Year**

*Ran Tao, Jefferson County Public Health*

Ran Tao in her role as new public health nurse at JCPH in late 2013, challenged herself learning three programs: HCP, Immunization, and Communicable Disease Control, quickly becoming competent in all. She understands the importance of intersecting individual and population-based care. She currently serves as Treasurer, on the PHNAC Scholarship and Legislative Committees, and recently volunteered for the website committee.

## **Most Innovative Project**

*Sara Lopez, Summit County Public Health*

Sara Lopez has been an invaluable addition to the profession of Public Health in Summit County. Whether she is organizing a rabies procedure with multiple agencies or teaching preschoolers about hand washing, she does it professionally and passionately. Sara wears numerous hats which allow her to develop relationships, make community connections and expand her expertise in providing high quality health services to children and families.

## **Lillian Wald Award**

*Barbara Deloian*

Barbara has been a tireless advocate for children and youth with special healthcare needs. Throughout her 35+ year career she has worked in a number of capacities at all levels of public health and has always remained a champion of public health nursing. Barbara has worked with Tri-County Public Health to develop an innovative program, supporting high-risk preterm infants and their parents. With her leadership and guidance TCPH have developed and implemented the program including understanding what outcomes to measure and track.

## **PHNAC Award for Excellence**

*Kimberly Boyd*

Kimberly Boyd is an exemplary public health nurse and nurse practitioner. She formerly worked at Tri-County Health Department as a nurse manager in Prenatal Plus, Family Planning, the HIV Prevention, and Peak Wellness programs. Currently, she owns and manages Lolina, Inc., a consultancy for healthcare and public health to achieve improved population health. She is also the current Chair of the Public Health Nurse Practice Council. She is a visionary working with others from CPHA and CEHA in the creation of the Colorado Public Health Mentoring Program in 2012.