

Lou Fuller Award for Distinguished Service seeks nominees

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The annual Community Health Awards seeks to recognize and acknowledge individuals or groups who are making significant contributions to public health in Minnesota.

Recognition of accomplishments by elected officials and local and state public health staff is a long-standing tradition of the annual Community Health Conference. The Nominating and Awards Workgroup of the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC) select awardees and the Commissioner of Health at the annual conference presents awards during an awards ceremony in September.

The Lou Fuller Award for Distinguished Service in Eliminating Health Disparities was created in 2012 to honor the work and memory of Minnesota Department of Health employee Lou Fuller. SCHSAC is currently seeking nominations for the award.

Lou Fuller was known as a collaborative community activist who was instrumental in developing the Office of Minority and Multicultural Health, and who was a leader in bringing populations of color and Native-Americans to the state legislature to raise awareness about the severity of health disparities in Minnesota. Fuller's collaborative efforts focused on improving the health status for populations of color and Native-Americans and thereby strengthening the health of Minnesotans as a whole population.

The nomination deadline is Friday, July 26. For more information or to nominate someone for the award, visit www.health.state.mn.us/divs/opi/pm/awards/nominate.html .