

LACDMH RECOGNIZES 2015 OUTSTANDING NURSES
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On Tuesday, May 12, 2015, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors recognized outstanding nurses from throughout the county's departments, including the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH). The ceremony is an annual tradition and is part of the celebration for Nurse Recognition Week.

At the Board of Supervisors' presentation, the Supervisors thanked all the county's nurses for their dedication and contributions. Each Supervisor took the time to recognize several individual nurses that won Outstanding Nurse Awards from the various departments, including Mental Health, Health Services, Public Health, Fire, Sheriff and Children and Family Services. They also received scrolls as part of the special recognition.



A luncheon hosted by the LACDMH Nursing Professional Concerns Committee (NPCC) followed the Supervisors' meeting. The 2015 Annual Spring Gala and Nurse Recognition took place at the Proud Bird Restaurant near LAX. This year's theme for Nurse's Week was "Ethical Practice — Quality Care".

Chris Collins, RN, Chair, LACDMH NPCC, hosted the spring gala. LACDMH Medical Director Rod Shaner, M.D., led a discussion and lecture, "Interdisciplinary Supervision and Consultation in LACDMH", during the lunch program. He then thanked the nurses for their hard work and presented certificates to all the honorees and the winner.



This year's LACDMH Outstanding Nurse Award was presented to Barbara Hollis, SMHCRN EOB/PMRT SA1.

This year's nominees were also recognized, including:

- Myrna Caguiran, MHC RN South Bay
- Eusebia Changcoco, MHC RN, Hollywood MHC
- Christopher Chigbolu, Sr. MHCRN, EOB
- Veronica Dale, NP, West Valley Wellness
- Patricia Daughtrey, MHC RN, Compton
- Rachielle Diaz, MHC RN, EOB LET/PMRT
- Dianna Hamed, MHC RN, SMART/CAMP
- Katy Ihrig, MHC RN, Santa Clarita MHC
- Marvin Leiva, MHC RN, SFMHC
- Leonardo Mangilit, MHC RN, EOB PMRT
- Dora Palacio, MHC RN, Rio Hondo MHC
- Ashanti Parker, MHC RN, Compton MHC
- Maureen Reilly, MHC RN, SMART/CAMP
- Maral Sarkissian, MHC RN, Hollywood MHC