



MEMORANDUM

Date: December 9, 2014

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Pima County Awards from the American Public Health Association**

Attached are copies of two letters I recently received from the American Public Health Association (APHA) indicating the Pima County Health Department Library Nurse Project staff received the 2014 APHA PHN Lillian Wald Service Award. The Library Nurse Project staff have been instrumental in implementing this nationally recognized program. We can be proud of their efforts.

In addition, Health Department Division Manager Kathleen Malkin received the 2014 APHA PHN Creative Achievement Award for a variety of public health programs designed to enhance the health of at-risk, underserved and marginalized populations. In part, this award was because of the Library Nurse Project, Reach Out and Read Health Literacy Program and numerous other innovative public health programs implemented by the County. Please congratulate Ms. Malkin on her award.

We are pleased both our Library and Public Health programs continue to receive significant national recognition for innovation.

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Attachments

c: Jan Leshar, Deputy County Administrator for Medical and Health Services
Hank Atha, Deputy County Administrator for Community and Economic Development
Dr. Francisco Garcia, Director, Health Department
Melinda Cervantes, Director, Library District



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November 24, 2014

Mr. Chuck Huckelberry
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Dear Mr. Huckelberry:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Pima County Health Department Library Nurse Project Staff received the **2014 APHA PHN Lillian Wald Service Award** on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the APHA 142nd Annual Meeting and Exposition held in New Orleans, LA. The Library Nurse Project Staff was honored for their dedication, service, and commitment to making public libraries healthier, safer environments for library patrons and residents at large of Pima County, AZ. The Library Nurse Project Staff embodies the spirit of Lillian Wald, the founder of the profession of public health nursing. They also continue her legacy of being active participants in the community served, providing health promotion and disease prevention services, and advocating for health equity and social justice. At the APHA PHN Award Luncheon, the Library Nurse Project Staff was recognized as creative innovators in the field of public health and exemplar role models in improving access and quality of care to the individuals, families, and communities of Pima County, AZ.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yolanda R. Davila". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "Y" and a long, sweeping underline.

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Dear Mr. Huckelberry:

It is my pleasure to inform you that Ms. Kathleen Malkin, MS, RN, Pima County Health Department, Division Manager, received the **2014 APHA PHN Creative Achievement Award** on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the APHA 142nd Annual Meeting and Exposition held in New Orleans, LA. Ms. Malkin was recognized for her public health programs designed to enhance the health of at-risk, underserved, and marginalized populations. These programs include the Pima County Health Department Library Nurse Project, the Reach Out and Read Health Literacy Program, a cervical cancer education and navigation project for Latina women, and the Pima Prevention Partnership and Pima County Victim Witness Programs that address the needs of children who witness domestic violence. She also developed the Arizona Safe Home/Safe Child Questionnaire used statewide by the Health Start Program, a prenatal program developed to meet the health and safety needs of women and their children.

Through her dedication, commitment, and work efforts, Ms. Malkin has proven herself a leader in the field of public health, improving access and quality of care to the individuals, families, and communities of Pima County, AZ.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Yolanda R. Davila'.

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