

# Barbara O'Grady Excellence in Public Health Nursing Award

## Past Recipients

**Anita Hoffmann** (1991)  
Public Health Nursing Director  
Brown County Public Health Nursing Service

**Ann Moorhouse** (1992)  
Public Health Nursing Consultant (Retired)  
Minnesota Department of Health

**Esther Tatley** (1993)  
Coordinator for School Health Services  
North St. Paul/Maplewood/Oakdale School District

**Ruth Schuder** (1994)  
Public Health Director (Retired)  
Itasca County Health Department

**Joan Janusz** (1995)  
Adolescent Health Coordinator  
Rice County Public Health Nursing

**Patricia Rudie** (1996)  
Associate Director of Nursing (Retired)  
Morrison County Public Health Department

**Patricia Adams** (1997)  
Director Public Health Services  
Dakota County Public Health Department

**Linda Olson Keller** (1998)  
Public Health Nursing Consultant  
Minnesota Department of Health

**Gayle Hallin** (1999)  
Assistant Commissioner  
Minnesota Department of Health

**Marina McManus** (2000)  
Community Health Services Administrator  
Anoka County Community Health and  
Environmental Services

**Lois McCarron** (2001)  
McCarron and Associates

**Mary McGlothlin** (2002)  
Community Health Services Administrator  
Washington County Public Health

**Nancy Bauer** (2003)  
Community Health Services Administrator  
Multi-County Nursing

**Ann Bajari** (2004)  
Community Health Services Coordinator  
Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health  
Services

**Mary Sheehan** (2005)  
Community and Family Health Division Director  
Minnesota Department of Health

**Karen L. Nelson** (2006)  
Public Health Nursing Director  
Wadena County Public Health Department

**Mary Wellik** (2007)  
Community Health Services Administrator  
Olmsted County Public Health

**Dorothy Opheim** (2008)  
Director, Cass County Department of Health,  
Human, and Veteran's Services

**Mary Ho** (2009)  
Community Health Services Administrator  
Rice County Public Health

**Ane Rogers** (2010)  
Director, Cass County Department of Health,  
Human, and Veteran's Services

## History of the Barbara O'Grady Excellence in Public Health Nursing Leadership Award

The Barbara O'Grady Excellence in Public Health Nursing Leadership Award was established in 1991 to recognize and honor public health nurses working in management or education settings in Minnesota for outstanding leadership and contributions to public health. The award is administered by the Local Public Health Association of Minnesota, an organization of public health administrators, public health nursing directors, and environmental health directors that provides leadership and advocacy on behalf of public health issues.

Criteria for nomination are:

- Demonstrates creativity and innovation in one's nursing practice.
- Demonstrates consistent leadership within the work setting and the external community.
- Assures consistent caring and commitment to clients and families, work teams, and the community.
- Demonstrates significant contribution or impact on program development.
- Enhances the positive practice of public health (i.e. advancing knowledge, motivating others and creating a positive environment).
- Impacts staff, students, and peer relating to their learning, practices or development.

Selection criteria include one or more of the following:

- Recognize expertise and leadership in public health nursing.
- Important contributions to advancing improvement in the health status of communities.
- Advocacy for public health nursing.
- Development of innovative programs in public health nursing.
- Collaboration with health, education, social services, or other decision makers and service providers.