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The Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee (PharmPAC) of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) is proud to announce the 2010 Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award. The USPHS would like to recognize and encourage students to become involved in public health issues in their community as well as to increase awareness of the Public Health Service and its mission to protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of our Nation.

The pharmacists of the USPHS have had a vital role in protecting the health of our Nation for over 100 years. Whether serving as clinicians in the Indian Health Service or Bureau of Prisons, conducting research at the National Institutes of Health, working on the drug approval process at the Food and Drug Administration, assisting in the Department of Homeland Security, or conducting disease surveillance activities at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, USPHS pharmacists continue this proud tradition. USPHS pharmacists were directly involved in response efforts after the attack on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and at the site of the plane crash in Somerset County, Pennsylvania; as well as participating in the mass antibiotic prophylaxis campaigns in Washington D.C. and New York after potential anthrax exposures. Pharmacists played key roles in response to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and Ike and served in critical roles in emergency preparedness in response to terrorist threats. More recently, pharmacists have participated in joint services humanitarian missions aboard the Navy Hospital ships USNS Mercy and USNS Comfort as well as protecting our nation through mass vaccination against the recent outbreak of the H1N1 virus.

Today we face a public health crisis in America with the rise in obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. With the advent of these new public health challenges, pharmacy students are more and more involved in finding innovative ways to address these challenges. The purpose of the Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Practice Award is to identify these outstanding pharmacy students and recognize their contributions.

A USPHS Pharmacist identified as the point of contact (POC) for your university will be in contact with you throughout the awards process to help facilitate any questions or concerns you may have. We have updated the awards process to include a later closing date for nominations and an electronic application. Hopefully, this will give you more time select a nominee and will enable us to coordinate for a USPHS pharmacist to present the award at your awards ceremony.

Attached are directions for the Award Process, Nomination Forms and Checklist. Identification and selection of the nominee is the responsibility of each pharmacy school. **Nominations will be accepted no later than close of business on 05 March 2010.** We request that you submit the completed nomination application electronically to LCDR Kristen Maves at klmaves@scf.cc, by **05 March 2010** to allow time for processing and preparation. The final selection will be

conducted by the USPHS PharmPAC Awards Committee. The selection process will be a limited competitive process.

I hope that you will be able to participate in our awards program in order to recognize students for their contribution and dedication to public health. If you have any questions about the awards program, please contact your POC or LCDR Kristen Maves at 907-729-4158 or via email at klmaves@scf.cc.

Thank you again for your help in recognizing pharmacy students who are dedicated to public health pharmacy.

Sincerely,

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