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National Public Health Week *April 3rd - April 7th 2017*

Nomination Form

Each year the Sedgwick County Division of Health recognizes an individual who has shown a lifetime commitment to Public Health (at least 25 years of service) with the Doren Fredrickson Award during National Public Health Week.

Please submit information on a nominee below and return to me by close-of-business Friday, February 24th.

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Contact Information for the Nominee:

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Description of the nominee' career related to public health:

For those who knew Dr. Fredrickson during his life, knew of his impressive resume and list of accomplishments in public health and beyond. However, what we believe is the most compelling aspect of his career was witnessing his deep purpose and human conviction to helping others. His incredibly humble and generous spirit weaved through every action he took. This was the hallmark of his personhood. He did this tirelessly and without hesitation. Much of his service was not seen by the public eye as he was never concerned with credit or accolades. The attention he wanted was on advocacy for health equity and social justice for all. With such a legacy, it is challenging to think of an

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individual who represents this same spirit of selfless humanity while simultaneously meriting accomplishments expected for this award.

However, there is one life-long resident of Sedgwick County that clearly does both. This public health leader is **Ms. Shirley Orr**. Therefore it is an honor and privilege to nominate Ms. Shirley Orr for the **2017 Doren Fredrickson Award**.

Shirley Orr is a public health consultant and President of SOCO Consulting. As one component of her consulting role, she serves as Executive Director of the national Association of Public Health Nurses (APHN). She previously served as Director of Local Health and Chief Public Health Nurse for the Bureau of Local and Rural Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Public health work requires a systems focus rather than an individual focus. Shirley's career has been dedicated to creating and enhancing workforce development systems that in turn assure delivery of strong public health services. She has leveraged her expertise and relationships as a public health leader to better connect and align multiple public health sectors including PHAB, RWJ, Nursing, and APHA which has mirrored similar alignments in Kansas and locally.

For example, through her work as co-director of the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute, hundreds of public health practitioners have had mentoring and training to exercise leadership more effectively. Sedgwick County benefited as staff from the Sedgwick County Health Department, COMCARE, Aging, and Health and Human Services participated in these trainings together to better align a public health approach. There are three accredited local health departments in Kansas, and Shirley provided technical assistance and guidance to all three through either direct consultation or through her leadership of the Kansas Accreditation Pilot. In addition, hundreds of nurses in Wichita and the surrounding area learned about community health by taking her Public Health nursing course at WSU. In fact, her course has now been converted to the first KS-TRAIN series that also provides CNEs and university credit for public health professionals. This will strengthen training plans for future and continued accreditation of local health departments, as well as strengthen the connections of the wider governmental sectors that are required to utilize TRAIN courses (e.g. EMS, Police, Fire, Dept. Human Services, Dept. of Education, Mental Health to name a few). She has led projects on chronic disease prevention with the Health & Wellness Coalition of Wichita and continues to consult with staff at the Sedgwick Co. Medical Society who have now enhanced their direct role in public health services.

Shirley received undergraduate and graduate degrees in Nursing and Health Services Administration from Wichita State University. She holds Kansas licenses as a Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. Shirley is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center in Nursing Administration at the advanced level. She is also a graduate of the National Public Health Leadership Institute and a member of the 2013 cohort of Leadership America.

Shirley is a 2009 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Executive Nurse Fellow. Her fellowship project focused on advancing public health practice through national standards and accreditation. To date, she has provided assistance to support national public health standards and accreditation in 25 states. Her consulting clients have included RWJF, the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), state and local health departments, public health institutes, foundations, and other health-related organizations.

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From 2011 to 2014, Shirley provided support to the RWJF Future of Public Health Nursing initiative, which included convening of the Forum on the Future of Public Health Nursing and completion of a national public health nursing enumeration. In connection with this work, she has presented at the state and national levels on linkages between public health nursing and the Future of Nursing Campaign for Action, promoting awareness and engagement by public health nurses in the campaign and in support of the IOM Future of Nursing report recommendations.

Shirley is a founding Co-Director of the Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute, and the Kansas WALD (Workforce and Leadership Development) partnership. She is an adjunct faculty member for the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita and a lecturer for the Wichita State University School of Nursing.

Shirley is a past-president of the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) and the National Association of Public Health Nurses (APHN). She currently serves on the American Public Health Association (APHN) Council on Affiliates and on the APHA Action Board. She has even received the KPHA's President's Award more than any other individual, which is given to someone who provided extraordinary support directly to KPHA leadership.

Locally, she has worked tirelessly with local coalitions to support public health programs and systems change. Further, Shirley has had a leadership role as a volunteer with her faith community for many years to create conditions that will support the most vulnerable people.

Shirley Orr's public health impact to the community is incredibly impressive and warrants recognition in itself. However, her deep humility and generous spirit of service makes her a uniquely qualified nominee for the Doren Fredrickson Award. Please consider this our strongest recommendation.

Yours Truly,
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