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Annual Kay Kent Award presented to Health Department employee

(Lawrence, KS) – Jennifer Hayward was awarded the Kay Kent Excellence in Public Health Service Award today at the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department’s annual National Public Health Week luncheon.

Hayward, the agency’s accountant, was hired in March 2008 and was nominated for the award by Jennie Henault, Director of Administrative Services.

“One of our administrative goals is to accurately report the revenues and expenses for each program/department and all items related to that,” Henault said. “Jen has worked hard over the past few years to assist in creatively modifying and using QuickBooks to produce reports and capture this information.”

This is only one example of Jen’s willingness to serve the agency,” Henault added. “Jen has been a huge asset to my department as well as the agency this year.”

In addition to Hayward, Lisa Horn, Communications Coordinator, was also nominated for the award. Past award winners recommended this year’s recipient, which was then approved by the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board.

The namesake for the award is Kay Kent, who served as director of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department for 33 years. She is credited with building the department into what it is today – from an agency with less than 10 employees and a handful of services in 1973, to a department of 40 employees, offering multiple community services.

Kent’s visionary leadership, dedicated work and passion for public health are the inspiration for the award, presented each year to an outstanding employee during National Public Health Week.