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McDaneld wins Health Department's first service award

(Lawrence, KS) – Sue McDaneld, Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department ARNP (Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner) and charge nurse for the Family Planning/Sexually Transmitted Disease program, was awarded the inaugural Kay Kent Excellence in Public Health Service Award Tuesday.

McDaneld has worked at the Health Department for 13 years and was nominated by Catherine Bird, Public Health Nurse in the Family Planning/Sexually Transmitted Disease program.

“Sue is always a client advocate,” Bird said. “She is very patient and tries to make the time, in her often hectic schedule, to meet the client’s questions and needs.”

In addition to McDaneld, five other Health Department employees – Jaclyn Gifford, Nancy Jorn, Pat Meyers, Barbara Schnitker and DeeAnne Schoenfeld – were nominated by their peers for the honor, with the winner selected by the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board.

The award is named after 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 50 employees, offering multiple community services.

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

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