



CEO EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

AWARDS

The Employee Recognition Program (ERP) Committee hosted an awards reception on Wednesday, March 31. William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer, presented commendation certificates to employees nominated in three award categories: Employee Excellence, Outstanding Leadership, and Exceptional Teamwork.

The CEO announced the award winners at the department meeting. Each nominee was evaluated on their adaptability, ability to respond to customer needs in an exemplary, timely, and courteous manner. They were also evaluated on their initiative and creative ability in developing new methods or procedures, and their capability to willingly step in and help others. All nominees typify the highest standards of the CEO and contribute significantly to the Department's mission and goals.

Congratulations to all the nominees and award winners!

Nominee – Employee Excellence



Ashley Nabong – Service Integration Branch, Children and Families Well-Being Cluster

Ashley manages over 100 projects requiring multi-departmental coordination. She's able to organize information, arrange data worksheets, and skillfully prepare user-friendly work products. These work products are prepared into easy to understand excel spreadsheets that are used in briefing Board Deputies. She is detailed, professional, and dependable – a tremendous asset to the Service Integration Branch.

Nominee – Outstanding Leadership



Ashu Palta – Office of Emergency Management, Public Safety Cluster

Ashu planned for and trained staff for the regional implementation of the National Incident Management System. He met with emergency management specialists from government and private agencies and prepared training scenarios to help staff learn about new federal requirements. He created *OEM Cliff Notes*, a guidebook, which outlined OEM functions and responsibilities. Ashu is a leader demonstrating the highest standards of professionalism.

Nominee – Exceptional Teamwork

**Department of Mental Health/Mental Health Services Act Green Team
– CEO Real Estate Division**



Yuling Wong
Miguel Covarrubias
Hasmik Dirmandzhyan
Keven Webb

Nevin Harrison
Robert Powell
Maurice Salama
Efrain Escalante
Tom Shepos
Sanjay Jaswal
Clemmie Booker
John Li
Farron Chavarria

Vincent Yen
Michael Samsing

Since 2005, the Real Estate Division team was responsible for real estate acquisitions needed to implement the Mental Health Services Act. The team identified, negotiated leases, and constructed tenant improvements for the Adult Systems of Care locations throughout the County. The team completed 31 projects for Mental Health and continues to work tirelessly and smart in meeting the changing needs of the project.

Nominee – Exceptional Teamwork

LACERA Funding Policy



Sid Kikkawa
Matt McGloin
Bill Lynes
Wayne Willard

Budget and Compensation teamed up to save the County \$40 million enhancing the administrative operations of the County by avoiding potential layoffs. The team influenced LACERA to maintain the STAR

COLA retirement funding policy. Without this change the County would have to pay LACERA \$40 million in FY 2010-11. The Team provided convincing public testimony at

the December 2009 Board of Investments meeting resulting in a 5 to 3 vote in the County's favor.

AND THE AWARDS GO TO --



Ashley Nabong – Service Integration Branch, Children and Families Well-Being Cluster receiving the award from William T Fujioka CEO.



Ashu Palta – Office of Emergency Management, Public Safety Cluster receiving the award from William T Fujioka CEO.



LACERA Funding Policy Team receiving the award from William T Fujioka CEO.

- Sid Kikkawa**
- Matt McGloin**
- Bill Lynes**
- Wayne Willard**