

PHABC Awards 2014

President's Award

The President's Award is given to a member of the Public Health Association of British Columbia who has shown a commitment to enabling their community, neighbourhood, housing complex or organization to address health issues. The issues include economic security, food security, environmental sustainability, preventive health actions, and ensuring involvement in decisions by those affected.

Dr. Perry Kendall - For his dedication and commitment to public health in British Columbia

Dr Kendall has had a long and distinguished career in public health, much of it in British Columbia. In 1974 he moved to Vancouver and worked for the Vancouver Health Department's Pine Free Clinic and East Health Unit while acquiring a Master's Degree in Health Care Planning and Epidemiology and a Fellowship in Community Medicine. In 1984 he returned to Ontario and was Manager, Disease Control and Epidemiology Services with the Ontario Ministry of Health until 1987, when he returned to British Columbia as Medical Officer of Health for the Capital Regional District, in which capacity he opened one of Canada's first needle exchange programs. In 1989 he took on the role of Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto, a position he held for six years, during which time he pioneered programs for AIDS/HIV and drug abuse prevention, established Harm Reduction as the official City policy for substance abuse and was involved in developing and promoting the City's comprehensive tobacco control by-laws. In 1991 he received an Addiction Research Foundation Community Achievement Award for leadership in substance abuse prevention. In 1992 he received the Non Smokers Rights Association Award of Merit for outstanding contributions to environmental health and disease prevention. In 1993 Dr. Kendall spent a year on secondment to the Deputy Minister of Health as Special Adviser on Long Term Care and Population Health. In March 1995 he was appointed President and CEO of the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario, one of six academic health science centres in Toronto and a WHO Collaborating Centre, a position he held until the Foundation's amalgamation with three other hospitals to form the Addiction and Mental Health Services Corporation on January 23rd, 1998.

In April 1998 he took on the position of Vice-President, Seniors' Health, with the Capital Health Region in Victoria. May 3, 1999 Dr. Kendall assumed the position of Provincial Health Officer for the province of British Columbia a position that he has held since then. In that capacity he has advised the Minister and senior members of the ministry on health issues in BC and on the need for legislation, policies and practices concerning those issues; monitored the health of the people of BC; provided information and analyses on health issues; and reported to the public on health issues, the need for legislation, a change of policy, or practice respecting health in BC. In addition, he participated on many committees at the provincial level including the Committee to establish the School of Public Health and Social Policy at the University of Victoria. He also participated on many national committees and co-chaired the Pan-Canadian Public Health Network Council.

In all of these activities Dr. Kendall has shown a commitment to enabling public health and other professionals, organizations and the public at large to address health issues including economic security, food security, environmental sustainability, preventive health actions, and ensuring involvement in decisions by those affected. Thus, Dr. Kendall is an ideal candidate to receive the President's Award.

The Award of Merit

The Award of Merit is given to a community member who does not belong to the PHABC but who has contributed significantly to enhancing the health of their community. They may have been involved in a variety of areas that impacted in some way the broader determinants of health. Perhaps it was providing support for low cost housing, improving the food supply for low-income areas, supporting programs for children and youth, or supporting healthy lifestyles in general.

Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond - For her commitment to the wellbeing of children and youth in BC

Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond is B.C.'s first Representative for Children and Youth. She was appointed in 2006, and was re-appointed for a second five-year term in 2011.

The Representative is an independent Officer of the Legislature who supports children, youth and families who need help in dealing with the child welfare system. She also provides oversight to the Ministry of Children and Family Development and advocates for improvements to the child welfare system.

Turpel-Lafond is a judge on leave from the Saskatchewan Provincial Court. She worked as a criminal law judge in youth and adult courts, with an emphasis on developing partnerships to better serve the needs of young people in the justice system, particularly sexually exploited children and youth, as well as children and youth with disabilities, such as those who suffer from fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

She holds a doctorate of law from Harvard Law School and a master's degree in international law from Cambridge University.

In 2007, the Indigenous Bar Association awarded her the distinction of 'Indigenous Peoples' Counsel'. As well, Time Magazine has twice bestowed honours upon Turpel-Lafond, naming her one of the '100 Global Leaders of Tomorrow' in 1994, and one of the 'Top 20 Canadian Leaders for the 21st Century' in 1999.

Phyllis M. Baird Memorial Award

The Baird Award is given to a Community Health Nurse practicing in a rural area of BC who:

- demonstrates excellence in practice

- is employed in a provincial health unit
- wishes to pursue a short or long term course relative to her/his field of interest

The recipient should exhibit some or all of the following:

- an excellent understanding of and keen interest in public health nursing
- leadership skills
- pride in doing an excellent job
- activity/interest in professional and/or community organizations, i.e. RNABC, PHABC, CPHA, Community Health Nurses Interest Group, etc.
- eager to increase knowledge, keeps up to date by reading, extramural studies, attending workshops etc.
- demonstrates a tactful, discrete, courteous, poised manner
- able to maintain confidentiality
- exemplifies integrity, warmth, understanding, and compassion
- has a positive outlook and contributes to good morale
- excellent communication skills
- ethical - avoids or withdraws from conflict of interest situations

Seth Klein - For his significant contributions to community development in British Columbia

When we think of community we often think of a geographical community. It is important to remember though that communities take many forms from geographical communities to demographic communities through to communities of interest. I have had the opportunity to work with Seth in his role as Co-chair of the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition - one of the most significant coalitions of organizations addressing a key social and economic issue facing all communities in BC.

Seth has demonstrated admirable skills and dedication to this Coalition from its inception. In the early days he was instrumental in building the Coalition by bringing together organizations within his sphere of influence around a common cause. These were exciting times and the range of organizations and individuals that came together was impressive in size and scope. From its early days, Seth had a vision for what the Coalition could become and what it could achieve. He was able to communicate that vision in a way that motivated people to come together. Through the last number of years Seth has demonstrated his community building skills by creating an environment that has seen the Coalition grow and become even more dedicated in its mission in spite of what some political setbacks to its cause.

The Coalition is a diverse group of organizations with a range of interests. Seth demonstrated his community building expertise by helping the community understand its commonalities and the strengths each organization can bring to the movement. He captured the cooperative spirit that is inherent in a community of interest by helping it focus on a common and achievable goal. Seth's acumen as a co-chair of the group ensured that everyone had a chance to be heard and be valued. He ensured systems that helped sustain the Coalition through his efforts to secure funding for a secretariat and developing the processes to manage differences of opinion. His insight into the

structure and Terms of Reference needed for a successful community coalition gave the guidance needed to overcome conflict and gain consensus.

Seth also brought to bear his research skills to help in the community development process. He ensured through his work with CCPA that the Coalition had the evidence to ground its work, create a common agenda and position it to influence the community at large. The Cost of Poverty report was just one example of this. It was his ability to produce evidence and translate it into understandable language that was instrumental in attracting more organizations to the coalition including what are often some unusual bedfellows - activist community organizations and more cautious professional groups.

Community development means strengthening the capacity of the community to take action. The reports, evidence and communication tools that Seth was instrumental in producing gave individual community members and local groups the tools they needed to accelerate and spread the work of the provincial Coalition in its efforts to address poverty at the local community level.

Seth has been a founder, a sustainer, a supporter, a communicator, a spokesperson, and a researcher with one of the most exciting community coalitions I have been involved with in my career. His leadership and understanding of community has created a powerful voice that has stood up and articulated a powerful message for social change. The Coalition has grown and evolved beyond anyone's expectations in large part because of Seth's vision and commitment to community. That is community development at its finest.

Sharon Martin Community Development Award

The Sharon Martin Community Development Award was created in November 1999 as a memorial to Sharon Martin, a visionary and staunch advocate for public and community health at national, provincial and community levels. The award recognizes a member or non-member of PHABC who has contributed significantly to community development by:

- supporting community capacity
- advocating for social justice
- mentoring others in the promotion of the public's health
- promoting the involvement of community members in public health programs.

Joy Stott - For her contributions to Public Health Nursing in British Columbia Joy is currently the clinical coordinator at the Duncan Health Unit, and has worked in public health nursing for more than 25 years. She takes pride in doing an excellent job and ensuring that her team also maintains a high standard of practice. She is keen to stay current with the latest approaches to practice, and makes a consistent effort to encourage and support her staff in ongoing educational opportunities. She is a most caring and compassionate leader, exercising discretion and courtesy with clients, community groups, and colleagues. Over the years she has managed ethical issues with a thoughtful and reasoned approach. Joy played a major role in the development

of the Most Kids Don't tobacco prevention program for elementary schools, and has always been a strong supporter of new and innovative programs in the office. Despite the various challenges of organizational and program change, she remains passionate about public health nursing, and absolutely loves her job. I think she truly exemplifies the criteria established for the Phyllis M. Baird award.

Healthy Corporate Citizen Award

Corporations play an ever increasing part of our life not just through the products and services they produce and provide, market and sell but through their involvement in shaping society through their increasing dominance in the social, political and economic life of our communities. Corporations affect our health in both direct and indirect ways. In order to raise awareness of the role of the corporate sector in public health and in the potential for corporations to provide leadership in improving health, PHABC has created a Healthy Corporate Citizen Award.

The award is intended for a corporation, financial institution or producer/worker cooperative that demonstrates a broad and comprehensive commitment to promoting health through a range of policies, products/services and practices. The award is not intended to reward a specific policy, product/service or practice but rather is intended to recognize a broad commitment to addressing the determinants of health (e.g., housing and food security) that can be influenced by corporate activities (e.g., paying a living wage) and to avoid contributing to dangerous or unhealthy policies, products/services and practices (e.g., marketing unhealthy food).

Vancity - For their commitment to Poverty and Inequity Reduction, Community Investment & Environmental Sustainability