

## Public Health Nursing Achievement Awards

Three public health nurses from Wisconsin were recognized for their outstanding achievements to public health at the recent 10th Annual Public Health Nursing Conference in Steven's Point, Wisconsin on August 21, 2007. The three recipients, Cheryl Laabs, Tammy Danielson, and Jill Radowicz were presented their awards at the conference luncheon.

Cheryl Laabs, the recipient of the Mary Adelaide Nutting Award is a public health nurse at the Menasha City Health Department. This award is peer nominated and is a public health nurse, supervisor, or manager within a local or tribal health department or a faculty person from an academic institution, who demonstrates the advancement of public health nursing programs. In the nomination, it was noted, "Cheryl's commitment to public health nursing is evident by her enthusiasm for public health, which is passed onto the students she mentors right from the beginning of their rotation to their very last day. Most important all students finish their public health clinical rotation with the understanding that you need to know your community to effectively work in the community". Cheryl was nominated by Menasha City Health Department Health Officer, Sue Nett and the award was presented to Cheryl by Tracy Mrochek, Nursing Supervisor.

Tammy Danielson, public health nurse at Jackson County Health and Human Services Division, was the recipient of the Florence Nightingale, Excellence in Public Health Nursing Award. The recipient of the Florence Nightingale Award is peer nominated and meets the following criteria: meets the State of Wisconsin qualifications of a public health nurse and works as a staff level public health nurse within a local or tribal health department; supports one or more health priority objectives from Healthiest Wisconsin 2010 Health Plan at a community or systems level; and works jointly with a community partner to address an identified population health issue or need. Tammy's leadership skills are demonstrated by her extensive work with the Amish Perinatal Home Visitation Program in Jackson County. Tammy's award was presented was presented by (?).

Jill Radowicz, public health nurse at the City of Milwaukee Health Department was the recipient of the Lillian Wald, New Public Health Nurse of the Year Award. The recipient of the Lillian Wald Award is peer nominated and meets the following criteria: meets the State of Wisconsin qualifications of a public health nurse and works as a staff level public health nurse within a local or tribal health department; has practiced two years or less as a public health nurse in the State of Wisconsin; contributes to public health nursing practice within their agency and/or community at an individual/family, community, or systems level. Jill began her career at City of Milwaukee Health Department in June of 2006 and "her performance in her first year as a public health nurse demonstrates a sincere commitment to promoting and protecting the health of families at risk for adverse prenatal, birth, and childhood outcomes in Milwaukee. " Jill's award was presented by her supervisor, Patricia Lee King.