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## **National Public Health Week**

### ***City of Milwaukee Health Department Honored for Excellence in Public Health***

Three City of Milwaukee Health Department employees have been recognized by the Wisconsin Association of Public Health for their outstanding contributions toward protecting and improving the health of residents.

“These awards are evidence of our commitment to the Milwaukee community,” said Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker. “The department is filled with dedicated public health professionals who work tirelessly to safeguard the city’s health.”

**Mildred Leigh-Gold** received a posthumous award for excellence in health promotion and disease prevention. Leigh-Gold spent 17 years at the helm of the City of Milwaukee’s Breast and Cervical Cancer Awareness Program. She was a true inspiration for women and families coping with disease and worked tirelessly to advocate for improved healthcare and benefits for low-income women. Leigh-Gold also made an outstanding contribution to the health of women in Wisconsin, and developed lasting national influence through model programming and policy change. She died of cancer in January.

**Kathy Blair** received the Presidential Award for her sustained, outstanding contribution to WPHA. Throughout her career Blair served in leadership positions on the board of directors and in various committees within WPHA, including the annual conference committee and the policy and advocacy committee. She assured that legislative and policy issues impacting public health were well integrated into the City of Milwaukee legislative platform as well as other partnering organizations. Blair retired from the City of Milwaukee Health Department in December 2008 after 31 years of dedicated services.

**Jill Paradowski** received the distinguished service to public health award for her special contribution through leadership and service to public health in Wisconsin. Paradowski is a Public Health Nurse who has served the City of Milwaukee Health Department for 36 years, working tirelessly to improve the health and lives of infants and their mothers in the city. Through her collaborative efforts and her persuasive voice in dialogues across the state, Paradowski has made a positive impact on policies, programs, and systems that affect women and children.

For more information about the City of Milwaukee Health Department, go to [www.milwaukee.gov/health](http://www.milwaukee.gov/health) or to learn about the WPHA Awards, go to [www.wpha.org](http://www.wpha.org).