



2015 NJ Public Health Nurse of the Year

The New Jersey Association of Public Health Nurse Administrators (NJAPHNA) designated Shereen Naqvi of Clayton Township, NJ as the 2015 NJ Public Health Nurse of the Year. This honor is given to a member of NJAPHNA who not only demonstrates expertise in the clinical nursing practice of public health, but is a visionary, leader, teacher and role model as well.

Currently employed by Monmouth County Regional Health Commission as Public Health Nurse, Ms. Naqvi has been involved in public health nursing for five years.

In nominating Ms. Naqvi for this award, Shu Chiang, RN, BSN, Public Health Nurse Supervisor of Hunterdon County, noted that Ms. Naqvi “demonstrates strong knowledge of Public Health Nursing services, especially in the area of Maternal Child Health (MCH). She actively participates in MCH related coalitions, committees and conferences including the Central Jersey Lead Coalition and the School Immunization Committee of NJ Immunization Network. She is actively engaged with her colleagues in NJAPHNA, Inc., in supporting NJ Legislation to clarify religious exemptions related to mandatory infant and child immunizations.

David Henry, the Health Officer of Monmouth County Regional Health Commission, recognized Shereen as “an excellent, enthusiastic and dedicated employee ... and an extraordinary asset.” Jeni B. Sudhakaran, the Population Assessment Coordinator of Immunization Program of New Jersey Department of Health, concurred, describing Shereen as “highly skilled, compassionate, and a sound critical thinker, which makes her an exceptionally successfully public health nurse... passionate about raising awareness on vaccine preventable diseases and the importance of immunizations for children and adults. She is able to establish trust and cooperation within her community resulting in improved outcomes... It is evident that Ms. Naqvi’s love of public health is infectious and she is raising the standard for public health nursing.”

Announcement of this award was made by NJAPHNA President Carole Hudson RN, BSN, JD, during National Nurses’ Week. However, awardee Shereen was at home with her brand new infant and was unable to attend the event!



Shereen Naqvi, RN, BSN received the award from Carole Hudson, NJAPHNA President, at the organization’s annual meeting in December 2015.