



Loretta “Deliana” Fuddy has been an exemplary leader in MCH for over 35 years, truly embodying the characteristics honored through the Maternal and Child Health Bureau’s Director Award. In her current role as Chief, Family Health Services Division (Title V Director) for the state of Hawaii, Deliana has provided outstanding and stable leadership to promote health promotion and social services for women and children. She oversees all MCH, Children with Special Health Care Needs and WIC programs, and serves as the lead for the state’s early childhood, early intervention, family planning, child and adolescent health, primary care and violence prevention activities.

With a background in both social work and public health, Deliana has bridged programs and services in Hawaii to truly address the health and well-being of women, children and families in a unique way. Deliana has focused particularly on issues that are difficult to address, working to strengthen and integrate MCH data capacity, focusing on reducing child abuse prevention, strengthening home visiting programs, reducing substance abuse among pregnant women, and increasing male involvement in MCH. Deliana spearheaded the development of the nationally-recognized Healthy Start home visitation program for child abuse prevention in Hawaii, the BabySAFE outreach and treatment services for pregnant substance abusing women, and the perinatal support program for high-risk pregnant women. She also formed the state’s Child Safety Collaborative, the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Program and Early Childhood Coordination System.

Deliana’s dedication to MCH and improving the health and well-being of women, children and families is also evident in the numerous state and national advisory committees and Boards that she has been elected to. She currently serves as the Treasurer for Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, and is also a Past-President of the Association of State and Territorial Public Health Social Workers, a Past-President of the Hawaii Public Health Association, and Chair of the Hawaii Children’s Trust Fund. She also serves presently as the Secretary for Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii; chair of the Governance Committee of the Hawaii Early Learning Council and many others.

Among several roles within the state department of health, Loretta served as the Deputy Director for the Department of Health, providing guidance and oversight over all fiscal and administrative functions of the health department, supervising the state laboratory, tobacco settlement activities, and overseeing the creation of the state Informatics Office. Loretta has received numerous award and recognitions over her career from organizations such as the March of Dimes, Center for Child Welfare Policy, and the Hawaii State Department of Health. She was a finalist for the Ford Foundation’s Innovations in American Government award for the Healthy Start Home Visitation Model.

Loretta Deliana has been a quiet trailblazer throughout her career. Since 1975, Deliana has worked in state government, and over the years has worked in and bridged complex cultural and political systems in Hawaii; she has been able to bring together partners from across state agencies, family-based and tribal organizations, all along working tirelessly to improve health outcomes.

Therefore, I, Peter C. Van Dyck, M.D. M.P.H. Maternal and Child Health Bureau Chief, Health Resources Administration present the **2009 Director's Award to Loretta J. "Deliana" Fuddy**, *"In recognition of contributions made to the health of infants, mothers, children, adolescents and children with special needs in the Nation."*



Deliana Fuddy (middle) receives the 2009 Director's Award

# ***The Hawaii State Legislature***

Hereby presents this certificate to

## **Loretta “Deliana” Fuddy 2009 Outstanding Advocate for Children and Youth**

WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii are proud to recognize those special individuals who selflessly champion the needs of those who have no voice or representation, especially the underserved children and youth of our state; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii’s Outstanding Advocate for Children and Youth Award was established by the Hawaii State Legislature to recognize the superb commitment and efforts demonstrated by the individuals and organizations who protect and promote Hawaii’s greatest asset, our youth; and

WHEREAS, LORETTA ‘DELIANA’ FUDDY is recognized as an Outstanding Advocate for Children and Youth for the lifetime commitment and dedication to supporting and sustaining community organizations and youth programs in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the youth programs, LORETTA ‘DELIANA’ FUDDY, Chief of Family Health Services Division has fought unwaveringly to protect children, youth, and their families overseeing the state WIC Services, Maternal and Child Health and Children with Special Health Needs Branches; and

WHEREAS, during her 35 year tenure with the Department of Health, LORETTA ‘DELIANA’ FUDDY has been instrumental in the development and overseeing the establishment of major programs to benefit Hawaii’s children and youth; and

WHEREAS, LORETTA ‘DELIANA’ FUDDY’s vision and focus throughout her career and personal life has been to serve Hawaii’s children and youth and their families by promoting, supporting, and advocating for their health and overall well being, and despite being responsible for one of the largest divisions in the State Department of Health, she finds the time to volunteer on a number of boards, including Board of Volunteer Legal Services, Hawaii Chapter of the March of Dimes, Hawaii’s Children’s Trust Fund, and Good Beginnings Alliance; and

WHEREAS, due to her sincerity, passion, commitment, and tireless efforts in her work, which protect and benefit our children, LORETTA 'DELIANA' FUDDY is recognized as one of Hawaii's Outstanding Advocates for Children and Youth; now

The Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii hereby commends and applauds LORETTA 'DELIANA' FUDDY, for receiving the Hawaii's Outstanding Advocate for Children Youth Award, and extends to her its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

Signed by: Representative John M Mizuno  
Speaker of the House, Calvin K.Y. Say  
House Chief Clerk, Patricia Mau-Shimizu

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland  
President of the Senate, Colleen Hanabusa  
Senate Chief Clerk, Carol Taniguichi



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