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**SAGINAW COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
HONORS EMPLOYEES DURING NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK**

The Saginaw County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) honored its outstanding employees Friday, April 7, 2017, at the 35<sup>th</sup> annual V.K. Volk Memorial Lecture. The event is held each year in recognition of National Public Health Week.

The **2017 Employee of the Year** was awarded to **Steven Ellis** for exemplary performance and accomplishment on the job and in the community. Steve has been with the Department for the past 14 years holding various positions and currently serves as Senior Environmental Health Specialist for the Food Service Program. His work involves overseeing activities and inspection schedules in the Environmental Health Food Program, while also performing inspections and plan reviews for food service establishments and body art facilities.

SCDPH annually awards the **Richard Calley Distinguished Service Award** in recognition of an individual, organization, or business that has made a significant contribution to the advancement of public health in Saginaw County. This year's honoree is **Henry Moon, M.D.**, a contract physician for the SCDPH Family Planning Program. Dr. Moon is a collaborator, with the intention of providing the best care possible for his clients.

The **2017 Spirit of Public Health Award** recipients are **Leslie Davenport, Gabriel McGiveron, Christina Vasquez, Nathaniel Still, and Sharise Steele-Phillips**. This award is given to those SCDPH employees who embody the spirit of public service and go the extra mile in the performance of job duties and customer service.

SCDPH also annually recognizes staff employment milestones for years of dedicated service to the Department. This year's **2017 Longevity Awards** were presented to: **Connie Brown**, WIC Nutritionist II for **10 years** of service; **Deborah Rhodes**, Public Health Nurse, **Jeremy Maxson**, Environmental Health Specialist, **Mary Mikulich**, Public Health Nurse, and **Lupe Warsin**, Clerk Interviewer/Receptionist for **15 years** of service; **Susan Wagner**, Hearing Technician for **20 years** of service; and **Patricia Ritter**, Environmental Health Office Manager for **40 years** of service.

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[See attached photos –

DSA\_Moon.JPG – Henry Moon pictured with Judith Lincoln, Saginaw County Board of Public Health Chair

EOY\_Ellis.JPG – Steve Ellis pictured with Bethany Jacques, SCDPH Awards Committee Chair

Spirit\_Awardees.JPG – Pictured left to right: Judith Lincoln, Christina Vasquez, Gabriel McGiveron, Sharise Steele-Phillips, Leslie Davenport. (Not pictured: Nathaniel Still)

Longevity\_Awardees.JPG – Pictured left to right: Patricia Ritter, Susan Wagner, Connie Brown, Jeremy Maxson, Deborah Rhodes, Judith Lincoln (Not pictured: Lupe Warsin)]

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