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Kera Brossette awarded Health Department 2013 Employee of the Year recognition

Caption: McLean County Health Department Director Walt Howe recognizes Kera Brossette as the recipient of the Alice J. Olsson Memorial Employee of the Year Award.

BLOOMINGTON— Public Health Communication Specialist Kera Brossette was chosen as the 2013 McLean County Health Department Alice J. Olsson Memorial Employee of the Year. Brossette was honored by her peers for being a supportive asset within the department, as well as a positive representative to the public.

During the past two years as media spokesperson, Brossette has worked to embed herself in all divisions of the health department to ensure a well-rounded understanding of key public health messages and job functions, while also assuring all public health messages are accurate and meet departmental priorities. When staff is needed for media interviews, Brossette takes the time to assist them with focused talking points and helps them feel at ease.

Brossette strives to make herself available to her colleagues, whether they are health department staff or members of the local media. She impressively displays grace under pressure and conveys fortitude on behalf of the department. She is prepared to respond to a multitude of diverse issues that range from administrative issues to food borne illnesses, to vaccinations and zoonotic diseases. Brossette's communication skills play a critical role in the Health Department's mission to prevent and control disease through her exceptional interaction with the community.

The Alice J. Olsson Memorial Employee of the Year award honors an employee of the McLean County Health Department for outstanding achievement related to public health services in McLean County. Criteria for the award include commitment to the health department mission, demonstrated success in furthering the mission, exemplary representation of the department and achievement above and beyond required responsibilities.

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