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2007 Tobacco Control Advocates Honored

Three individuals and one community partnership were honored recently for their efforts to reduce tobacco-related deaths and disease in Iowa. The awards were given at the Iowa Tobacco Control Conference, held in West Des Moines on Nov. 5 and 6. This year's award recipients were:

- Kathryn Braddy, Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Carroll County – Advocate for Youth Leadership;
- Eileen Fisher, Clean Air for Everyone of Johnson County – Tobacco Control Advocate;
- Meredith Slaymaker, COMMIT Tobacco Free Coalition of Cedar Rapids – Tobacco Control Partner; and
- Tobacco-Free Quad Cities of Scott County – Tobacco Control Partnership

“As Iowa works together to reduce tobacco use in our state, it is important to recognize the successes of local advocates,” said Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) Director, Tom Newton. “So that their ideas may be replicated by other communities, I encourage you to learn more by contacting these individuals and organizations.”

Sponsored by IDPH, the conference was themed "Building a Tobacco Free Iowa." The gathering offered more than 130 attendees the opportunity to enhance their skills and knowledge in a series of workshops offered by national experts, researchers, legislators and business owners.

"These awards recognize the effort, dedication, and passion of individuals and organizations that make Iowa's tobacco control program one of the finest in the nation," said Dr. Christopher Squier, Chairman of the State Commission for Tobacco Use Prevention and Control. "The work that individual advocates and partnerships do for their communities is outstanding."

To learn about the latest strategies and approaches to reducing the number one preventable cause of death in Iowa, go to www.idph.state.ia.us/tobacco.

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