

**2010 County of Kern  
Employee Recognition Award Program**

Winner of the Individual Award for Outstanding Leadership:

T.R. Merickel – Probation

Winner of the Individual Award for Customer Service Excellence:

Arnie Garcia – Mental Health

Winner of the Individual Award for Workforce Excellence:

Robert DeLeon – KMC Housekeeping

Winner of the Exceptional Teamwork Award:

KMC Emergency Room “Access to Care Process Improvement Team”: Michael Friesen, NP Curt Cabral, RN, Charles Clayton Kathy Griffith, Rich McPheeters, MD Lucila Zarate, RN, Evelyn Conger Dora Ponce, Julian Acosta David Keith, Royce Johnson, MD and Jodi Prows, RN

Winner of the Sustained Effort Award:

Donna Metz – Mental Health

## 2010 NOMINEES

### OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

**Mari Rub-Ferrell**  
*Public Health*

**Comdr. Mike Barnes**  
*Sheriff's*

**Daryl Martin**  
*Outpatient Pharmacy  
Kern Medical Center*

**Linda Reed**  
*Employers' Training  
Resource*

**Diana Wilson**  
*Environmental Health*

**Carmen Roeder**  
*Probation*

**T. R. Merickel**  
*Probation*

**Marta Muhsen**  
*District Attorney*

**Susan Price**  
*Human Services*

**Frances Wilson**  
*Kern Medical Center*

### WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE

**Lupe Esquivias, Jr.**  
*Assessor*

**Kristin Wheelan**  
*Mental Health*

**Jeanine Gregory**  
*Sheriff's*

**Robert De Leon**  
*Housekeeping  
Kern Medical Center*

**Sherrie Aud**  
*Human Services*

**Linda Ashbridge**  
*Employers' Training  
Resource*

**Bertha Arvizo**  
*District Attorney*

**Ann Walker**  
*Public Health*

**Steven Castillo**  
*Sheriff's*

**Michael Regan**  
*Probation*

### CUSTOMER SERVICE

**Arnie Garcia**  
*Mental Health*

**Chuck Thompson**  
*Sheriff's*

**Marcus Mitchell**  
*Child Support*

**Tracey Cody**  
*Clerk of the Board*

**Liz Chavez**  
*Child Support*

**Richard Van Mullem**  
*Human Services*

**Roxann Joyner**  
*Sheriff's*

**Jennifer Parker**  
*Human Services*

### TEAMWORK

**Phyllis Nance**  
*Child Support*

**KMC Emergency Room**  
*"Access to Care Process  
Improvement Team" KMC*

**Mike Nisser / Cari Drake**  
*Human Services Center Staff  
Personnel*

**Janet Whitfield**  
*Environmental Health*

**Jennifer Phillips**  
*Human Services*

**Nicole Townsend**  
*Sheriff's*

**Janice Hagen**  
*Kern Medical Center*

### SUSTAINED EFFORT

**Hector A. Barragan**  
*Probation*

**Margaret Dolan**  
*Human Services*

**Donna Metz**  
*Mental Health*