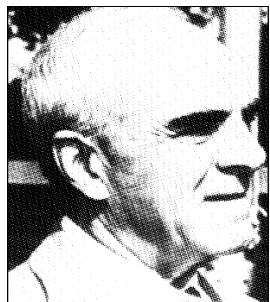


## Osborne Award Recipients

* 1963	William H. MacDonald	1988	Michael A. Pane
* 1964	Dennis J. Sullivan	1989	Milton Prystowsky, M.D.
1965	Cecil King Blanchard	1990	John D. Slade, M.D., F.A.C.P.
	Wallace Todd Eakins	1991	Charles I. Kauffman
1966	Charles Kientz, Jr.	1992	Louise C. Chut, Ph.D., M.P.H.
1967	<i>No Award</i>	*	David C. Byrnes
* 1968	Frederick P. Lee, M.D.	1993	William A. Frascella, Jr., O.D.
	Edward Gerner	1994	Walter A. Trommelen, M.P.H.
* 1969	Roscoe P. Kandle, M.D.	1995	William Parkin, D.V.M., Dr.P.H.
* 1970	Joseph F. Emmons	1996	Jack G. Sinagra
* 1971	John Hanson	1997	Louis J. Lamanna
1972	Ralph T. Fisher	1998	Ronald G. Ashley, Sr.
* 1973	Clyde R. Newell	1999	Patrick O. Hanson, M.A.
* 1974	Kenneth M. Jones	* 2000	Laurence P. Devlin, Jr.
* 1975	William J. Dougherty, M.D.	2001	Ronald Ulinsky
	Oscar Aquino	2002	George Van Orden, Ph.D.
1976	Carl Wendel	2003	Lee B. Reichman, M.D., M.P.H.
1977	Roberta L. Halligan	2004	Jorge H. Berkowitz, Ph.D.
* 1978	Walter J. Nicol	2005	Peter Correale
1979	Dr. A. Peter Capparelli	2006	John Surmay
* 1980	Jesse B. Aronson, M.D., M.P.H.	* 2007	Clement Ferdinando, M.P.H.
* 1981	Ronald Altman, M.D., M.P.H.	2008	Frank A. Grisi
* 1982	John H. Harrison, V.M.D.	2009	<i>No Award</i>
1983	Ronald Cohen, Ph.D.	2010	John O. Grun
1984	Hon. Gov. Thomas H. Kean	2011	<i>No Award</i>
* 1985	John Carlano	2012	Fred M. Jacobs, MD, JD
1986	Ray F. English, Jr.		
1987	John J. Cane, D.D.S.		

\* Deceased



### Frank J. Osborne

*The late Frank J. Osborne began his public health experience in New Jersey as Assistant Health Officer of Montclair. This was followed by a stint as Health Officer of Orange. In 1924, he became Health Officer of East Orange, a post he held until he retired on December 31, 1961.*

*He was a member of the former State Board of Health from 1945 until 1947. In the 1950's, he was appointed by the State Commissioner of Health to be chairman of a committee of municipal health officers, which drafted a list of Recognized*

*Public Health Activities to be expected of all departments and a set of Minimum Standards by which to judge them. These were drafted for consideration of the Public Health Council of the State Department of Health, which subsequently adopted them as standards to which all good health departments should conform.*

*At a retirement dinner for Mr. Osborne on November 2, 1961, the New Jersey Health Officers Association announced that it was establishing an award for meritorious achievement in public health which it would confer on deserving individuals from time to time and that it would be called the Frank J. Osborne Memorial Award.*

*Mr. Osborne died January 22, 1965.*

**Frank J. Osborne Award  
for Meritorious Achievement  
in Public Health**

**KEVIN G.  
SUMNER**

**November 20, 2013  
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## KEVIN G. SUMNER

Kevin Sumner was born on September 26, 1962 in Louisville, Kentucky to Floyd and Rochelle Sumner. In 1968, Kevin's parents moved the family to on campus housing at Rutgers University in Piscataway, New Jersey, where his father was a professor of music. Kevin lived on the Busch Campus into his high school years, remaining entrenched in the University environment. His parents, both retired, still reside in Piscataway today.

Education and the arts were extremely important to Kevin's parents, as well as exposure to a diverse range of cultural experiences. To that end, Kevin's parents provided Kevin and his brother, Christopher, with exposure to the arts and sciences in a wide variety of ways, even taking the children to Italy while Floyd was earning his PhD. It is no surprise that Kevin has accomplished so much in his chosen field of work, and that his brother possesses a doctorate in musical performance.

The environment and its stewardship became of significant interest to Kevin at a young age. The pursuit of the outdoors soon became a preoccupation, and it eventually shaped the trajectory of his education and career. Kevin attended Rutgers University from 1980-1985, graduating with a double major in Biological Sciences and Classical Humanities. It is likely that Kevin's continued embrace of both the sciences and arts helped shape his holistic approach to public health and public service. Kevin worked as an Environmental Educator while in college, and this, combined with his studies in biology and the environmental sciences, sparked an interest in public health as a viable, desirable career option. By 1985 he was working as an Environmental Officer with the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission, and while his career path has taken him from Environmental Health Specialist to Assistant Health Officer to Health Director, he has never left the Commission, shepherding the organization through growth, contraction and various changes in one capacity or another for nearly three decades.

As his career began taking shape, Kevin took an EMT course at St. Barnabas Medical Center and met and his wife, Patty. Kevin thereafter spent 25 years with emergency medical services, working five years as squad captain - and has spent the last 23 years married to Patty. He and Patty saw the birth of daughter Alexandria in 1993 and son Ashton in 1996, and Kevin meanwhile earned his Master of Public Health degree from the UMDNJ-Rutgers Graduate Program in Public Health. While Kevin is now going on his 29<sup>th</sup> year in public health, it is his genuine love for the field, tireless efforts and volunteerism for which Kevin has become and remained a leader among his peers.

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Kevin has countless credentials and has performed exemplary work as a forward thinking leader amongst his local and statewide counterparts, but his work and vision have transcended local and state jurisdictional boundaries for a long time. Kevin has for years contributed to the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), serving as chair and member of numerous national committees. In 2012, Kevin was elected to NACCHO's Board of Directors, galvanizing his role as leader not only in the state but also in the national public health arena. Further, Kevin has served as a Coach in NACCHO's Survive and Thrive program for a number of years, through which established health officers give back by educating new health officials regionally and nationally, and he has helped advance NACCHO's media, marketing and quality improvement efforts nationwide. Kevin's commitment to sharing knowledge, inspiring change and working toward advances is the very essence of leadership.

Kevin has demonstrated sound, consistent leadership in New Jersey, as well. He has been a member of the NJ Association of County City Health Officials' Executive Committee for 11 years, serving as President of the organization and Secretary twice. While President, Kevin formed the Public Health Associations' Collaborative Effort (PHACE), engaging leaders from all of New Jersey's recognized public health professional associations to discuss, plan and realize progressive public health initiatives - inclusively and with group leadership. Kevin was also a key member of the Multi-State Learning Collaborative (MLC-3) Steering Committee, a nationwide effort that has helped bring groundbreaking work and fresh ideas to New Jersey's ongoing quality improvement and accreditation dialogue. More recently, Kevin has brought his perspectives and expertise to the classroom as an instructor of public health and preparedness courses at Rutgers University.

These are but a few examples of the Kevin's leadership during a distinguished career. Kevin is abundantly accomplished, has received numerous honors and has never stopped working to elevate the profession, improve the public's health and inform the practice. Though Kevin has been providing leadership and inspiration for nearly 30 years, it is lucky for residents and public health professionals alike that he is not presently examining his retirement options. Instead, Kevin is constantly thinking of innovative ways to enhance public health services and practice. When he is not conspiring to improve the public health system, Kevin enjoys cooking, traveling and the crafting, drinking and rating of beers. He also dabbles with eclectic musical instruments like the bodhran, donkey jawbone and didgeridoo.

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