

NOMINATION NARRATIVE:

Trujillo, Michael H. PHS# 41114

Captain Michael H. Trujillo is a career officer who willingly accepted the request to be reassigned to the IHS Aberdeen Area as Deputy Area Director/Chief Medical Officer in November 1985. In that capacity, he managed the day-to-day affairs of the Aberdeen Area Office and directed the clinical programs of the Area Office and the service units in the four state region. Capt. Trujillo is a dedicated senior medical officer wholly committed to the improvement of the quality of health care for the Indian people and is keenly astute in the finesse of public health management. His credentials and multi-level program experience provides him with a panoramic perspective of the Indian Health Service. Through his presence and leadership, Capt. Trujillo effectively strengthened and developed the Area clinical programs.

Captain Trujillo effectively reorganized the Aberdeen Area health professions recruitment program to meet the needs of the service units. He directed the Area Quality Assurance Program so that all the service unit hospitals were able to be accredited by JCAHO. Capt. Trujillo provided leadership to the Area Clinical Directors and enabled them to become effective clinical managers of the service units. He revitalized the Area Clinical Directors Organization so that it became an effective Area program. Capt. Trujillo recruited a cardiologist and developed an Area Cardiology Program that has been cost effective and has become a model quality clinical program for the IHS. Capt. Trujillo directed and enhanced the mission and objectives of the Area Black Hills Training Program. Under his leadership the program became more cost effective, efficient and responsive to the needs of the IHS and Tribal programs. Capt. Trujillo continued to develop and strengthen the Area Epidemiology Program and the Area Clinical Research Program. He provided the support, guidance and environment to enable that program to acquire non-IHS grants, staff