

CAPT Ivana Roberts Williams will be retiring after thirty years of dedicated service to the United States Public Health Service. It is with great honor that the Therapy Category recognizes CAPT Williams for her many accomplishments, and distinguished career.

CAPT Williams completed her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Physical Therapy from Howard University, Washington, D.C. in 1977. She later pursued graduate studies at Johns Hopkins University, School of Hygiene, and Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland from 1986-1992. She also completed her Master's of Public Health Administration with an emphasis in Government Management while maintaining a 4.0 GPA from the University of the District of Columbia, Washington D.C. in 1997. She continued to demonstrate her acumen as a Senior Fellow, Council of Excellence in Government, Washington, D.C., 2001-2002.

CAPT Williams was instrumental in researching, and preparing publications, providing expert knowledge, experience, and recommendations, first as a technical assistant, and then as a scientific reviewer with the Food and Drug Administration from 1977-1988. During the latter part of this period, she became the first Commissioned Corps Therapist to be hired by the Product Surveillance, Office of Compliance, Center for Devices and Radiological Health Service Corps division of the FDA. On the basis of her superior accomplishments, she paved the way for other Commissioned Corps Therapists to later join the ranks of this agency.

CAPT Williams continued to distinguish herself by filling a number of high level capacities between 1988 and 1996. As Special Assistant to the Director, National Health Service Corps, she researched and developed for the Director congressional testimony regarding minority representation in the Commissioned Corps. Additionally, she initiated valuable recruitment programs as a health care recruitment specialist, directed resource development in the National Health Service Corps, performed as a consultant, and account executive for the Division of Federal Occupational health, and acted as special assistant to the Deputy Commissioner of Public Health, and Special Assistant to the Administrator for the Commission of Public Health, D.C.

From 1997 to the present she has continued to contribute her valuable skills, and knowledge to HRSA in a variety of capacities. CAPT Williams was Director of Alzheimer Demonstration Grant to States Program, followed by working as the Deputy Chief of Primary Care Services Branch for the Division of Community Based Programs. Since 2002 she has tirelessly served a multitude of Bureau activities as Senior Program Management Officer Consultant, Division of Science and Policy, Policy Development Branch, HRSA/HIV/AIDS Bureau, Rockville MD. Throughout her career, CAPT Williams has authored, or contributed to 28 publications, and has participated in well over 60 presentations.

CAPT Williams is a highly decorated officer, and has been recognized with the following awards:

1. Seven Unit Commendation Medals
2. Three Commendation Medals
3. Two Achievement Medals

4. Two Outstanding Service Medals
5. Five Citations
6. Crisis Response Service Award
7. Special Assignment Award
8. Regular Corps Ribbon

The Therapy Category would like to extend a sincere thank you to CAPT Ivana Roberts Williams for her professionalism, and career achievements. Through her work she has brought recognition, and respect to her profession, and has been an outstanding example of a United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Officer.