

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: Susana Rodriguez

Honoree's Job Title: Epidemiology Analyst

Department: Healthcare Services

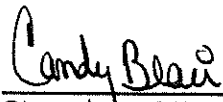
Years of Service with the County: 1 year 11 months

Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

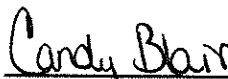
On September 30, 2014, the Centers for Disease Control gave confirmation of the first U.S. case of Ebola Virus Disease in our neighboring county, Dallas County. In the days and weeks that followed, the original Dallas County case resulted in two additional cases in the healthcare workers who provided care for the patient. As a result, local, regional, state, and federal public health officials were called upon to manage the crisis.

As part of our county's public health response, the Epidemiology team was in constant communication with regional and state health officials, Homeland Security, and county leadership. Regular updates on our county's contribution to the surveillance related to the Dallas County Ebola cases were critical to everyone involved. Susana was the main person compiling data, reporting it to the team, and fielding the related calls and emails. This responsibility required her to work around the clock, including many late evenings and on the weekends. Throughout this event, and despite the heavy demands placed on her, Susana stayed focused, professional, and positive. Susana's work ethic and dependability, especially in this public health emergency, were exceptional and it is a pleasure to recognize her for her hard work.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 7 day of November, 2014



Signature of Elected Official
or Department Head



Printed Name