



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATIONS

## Elliot M. Stone Award of Excellence in Health Data Leadership

### THE 2018 ELLIOT M. STONE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH DATA LEADERSHIP



NAHDO is honored to present the **2018 Elliot M. Stone Award of Excellence in Health Data Leadership** to **Denise Love, BSN, MBA**, Executive Director of NAHDO. She has been in leadership positions as an advocate for statewide health care data reporting programs, beginning with her appointment as the Executive Secretary to the Utah Health Data Committee in 1991 and in her positions with NAHDO. Ms. Love was elected to the NAHDO Board of Directors and served as Chair and Co-chair of NAHDO's Annual Meetings (1996-1998). In 1999, she assumed the position as NAHDO's Executive Director.

As the former Director of the Office of Health Data Analysis at the Utah Department of Health (1991-1999), she led the establishment of Utah's first statewide hospital reporting programs (Inpatient, Emergency Department, Ambulatory Surgery) and HMO Performance Reporting Systems, and implementation of the first publicly developed Internet Query System for interactive query of hospital statistics.

In her 20 years as NAHDO's Executive Director, Ms. Love has worked to fulfill NAHDO's mission to promote the public availability and uniformity of health care data and provide technical and political support to statewide health data reporting programs. She has served as a liaison between federal and state initiatives including input to and guidance for HIPAA legislation and Administrative Simplification and Privacy regulations as well as involvement with the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) and the CDC Environmental Public Health Tracking Program. In 2007, as states began implementing All-Payer Claims Databases (APCDs), Ms. Love expanded NAHDO's technical focus beyond hospital discharge data reporting, co-founding the All-Payer Claims Database (APCD) Council, a collaboration between NAHDO and the University of New Hampshire.

Ms. Love has served on many national advisory committees representing NAHDO. In 2014, she was appointed to a four-year term to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) (a statutory advisory body on health statistics to DHHS) and was recently re-appointed to a second four-year term. Other appointments "The Panel on DHHS Collection of Race and Ethnicity Data, Committee on National Statistics, National Research Council of the National Academies of Sciences (2002-2004), Public Health Data Standards Consortium's Board/Steering Committees (1999-2006), and multiple expert panels for the National Quality Forum (NQF), the Health Research and Educational Trusts Eliminating Disparities Advisory Committee (2004-2005), and numerous CMS technical expert panels (Emergency Department indicators, hospital mortality panels).

She received her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from St. Mark's Westminster College of Salt Lake City's School of Nursing in 1975 and a Masters in Business Administration from the Bill and Vieve Gore School of Business at Westminster College (1994). She has clinical/public health nursing experience as well as managed care quality/utilization management experience with BCBS of Utah (now Regence Blue Cross). Ms. Love is continually impressed by the dedication and expertise of NAHDO's members and is optimistic about the future of state health data reporting programs, especially as states assume more responsibilities for health care delivery and cost containment. As someone who benefited greatly from Elliot Stone's mentorship and guidance, this award carries special significance for Ms. Love. With this award, Ms. Love joins a diverse group of leaders who have made significant contributions to the field of health care data and health care services research.

### ABOUT THE ELLIOT M. STONE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH DATA LEADERSHIP

For many years, the National Association of Health Data Organizations (NAHDO) has presented the **NAHDO Award of Excellence in Health Data Leadership** to an individual who represents the highest ideals in data collection, analysis, or outcomes measurement and whose creative efforts have made outstanding contributions to improvements in the collection, application, and/or dissemination of health data. Until his passing in 2006, Elliot Stone helped NAHDO select awardees who made significant contributions to the health information field and who exhibited characteristics of quality, excellence, and passion in their work—characteristics that Elliot himself embodied.

