

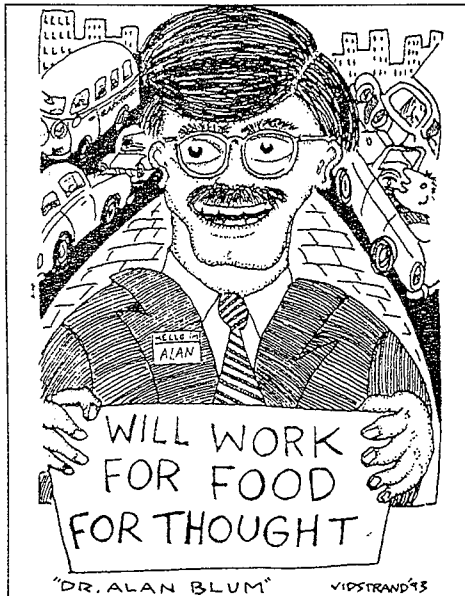
AAFP honors DOC founder with Public Health Award

On October 7, 1993 at the 45th Annual Convention of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) in Orlando, Florida Alan Blum, MD, DOC founder and chairman, received the AAFP Second Public Health Award.

Upon receiving the award, Dr. Blum made the following statement:

"Without question, the Academy has nurtured DOC's efforts more than any other organization. Two past presidents of the Academy, Dr. Sam Nixon and Dr. Bob Higgins, were especially encouraging during DOC's early years."

"I am indebted to Drs. Tom Houston and Rick Richards for their unselfish dedication to see DOC grow into an international organization."



"I would also like to thank Dr. Bob Rakel (Department of Family Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine) and Dr. Bob Graham (Executive Vice President, AAFP) for their support, as well as thousands of physicians who have contributed to DOC's success over the past 16 years."

"Most people don't know that my father, the late Leon Blum, MD, who inspired my efforts on the tobacco issue, was a member of the forerunner organization of the AAFP from its inception, and I am forever grateful for his vision."

"Lastly, without the support of my wife, Doris, DOC would not have survived."

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dedication, and commitment in promoting health and well-being in the nation's Hispanic communities." This marked the first time the award has been presented to a non-Hispanic organization.

DOC is also working with the U.S. Indian Health Service (IHS) at national, regional, and reservation levels. The work of Dr. Tom Welty in South Dakota, Jarrett Baker in North Dakota, and that of Bruce Leonard and Dr. Chuck North in New Mexico has provided DOC with valuable assistance and has helped foster relationships with Native American communities.

Despite some progress, there are many remaining challenges in dealing with tobacco and alcohol use among minority groups. Efforts to counteract the promotion of tobacco and alcohol in ethnic communities must be intensified. DOC is looking for individuals and organizations working in minority communities or inner-cities who want to become more active. Those interested in collaborating with DOC, or who feel DOC may be able to provide some assistance to existing