

2023 AAWC Annual Meeting
SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Rhona Cooper

The Asian American Women's Coalition (AAWC) is delighted to honor Rhona Cooper with a Special Recognition for her many outstanding achievements and her dedicated support to the Asian American community.

Rhona Cooper, MSN, MA, RN is the Clinical Coordinator on the Bio-Terrorism/Public Health Preparedness Team at the Philadelphia Department of Public Health's Division of Disease Control. She is an emergency planner with responsibility for the development and implementation of the City of Philadelphia's response to public health emergencies.

She has been a leader in the planning and operation of the City's response to COVID-19, MPOX, and other biological emergencies. Ms. Cooper has been particularly proud of her involvement in the City's management of the healthcare of 25,000 evacuees from Afghanistan at Philadelphia International Airport during Operation Allies Welcome, as well as the current sheltering of asylum seekers who have arrived in Philadelphia by buses sent from Texas.

Before joining the Department of Public Health, Rhona worked for over 28 years as a certified school nurse and a nurse administrator for the School District of Philadelphia.