

DATE: June 8, 2020

TO: All Supporters of Community-Oriented Primary Health Care

FROM: Ann Tucker, Human Resources Committee - Chair
Maine Primary Care Association

RE: 2020 MPCA AWARDS – Nomination Form
DEADLINE for Submission – Friday, July 17, 2020

We are pleased to issue our call for nominations for our six categories of clinical excellence awards plus the Unsung Hero Award and the ***NEW*** Community Champion Award.

The MPCA 2020 Annual Conference may be cancelled, but the great work by health center staff is carried out every day. Your participation in this process and the time you contribute enhances our ability to recognize those who have given and continue to give to underserved communities in Maine. The Human Resources Committee and MPCA Staff are planning something special (details TBD) to recognize that dedication, as we have done every year for over 15 years.

Clinical Awards:

MPCA requests nominations for recognition of MPCA member staff in the following categories:

1. Carol Eckert, MD Memorial Award - (former Physician Excellence Award)
2. Excellence in Oral Health Award
3. Nurse Practitioner Excellence Award
4. Physician's Assistant Excellence Award
5. Behavioral Health Excellence Award
6. Clinical Support Excellence Award

Carol Eckert, MD Memorial Award - (former Physician Excellence Award)

Open to all community health center physicians practicing at a MPCA member organization, the Physician Excellence Award is presented to the clinician who exemplifies the best of primary care medicine for the underserved, reaches high standards of quality care, adopts innovations, promotes greater access, and demonstrates leadership to advance primary care for all.

Excellence in Oral Health Award

Open to all community health center dentists or dental hygienists practicing at an MPCA member organization, the Excellence in Oral Health Award is presented to the clinician who exemplifies the best of oral health for the underserved, reaches high standards of quality care, adopts and advances innovations as part of the primary care team, promotes greater access, and demonstrates leadership to advance access for all.

Nurse Practitioner Excellence Award

Open to all community health center nurse practitioners practicing at an MPCA member organization, the Nurse Practitioner Excellence Award is presented to the clinician who exemplifies the best of primary care medicine for the underserved, reaches high standards of quality care, adopts and advances innovation as part of the primary care team, and promotes greater access.

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Physician's Assistant Excellence Award

Open to all community health center physician's assistants practicing at an MPCA member organization, the Physician's Assistant Excellence Award is presented to the clinician who exemplifies the best of primary care medicine for the underserved, reaches high standards of quality care, adopts and advances innovation as part of the primary care team, and promotes greater access.

Behavioral Health Excellence Award

Open to all community health center behavioral health professionals practicing at an MPCA member organization, the Behavioral Health Excellence Award is presented to the clinician who exemplifies the best of primary care medicine for the underserved, reaches high standards of quality care, adopts innovations, promotes greater access, and demonstrates leadership to advance primary care for all.

Clinical Support Excellence Award

Open to all community health center clinical support staff (Medical and Dental Assistants, Nurses, and Behavioral Health professionals) practicing at an MPCA member organization, the Clinical Support Excellence Award is presented to the staff member who exemplifies the best of primary care medicine for the underserved, reaches high standards of quality care, adopts innovations, promotes greater access, and demonstrates leadership to advance primary care for all.

Unsung Hero Award

Open to all community health center staff, board members, volunteers, or other individual associated with an MPCA member organization, the Unsung Hero Award is broad in its reach and by design meant to recognize those not usually recognized through traditional awards criteria. The nominee must have contributed their skill, time and effort towards furthering the vision, mission, and strategy of their health center.

***New* Community Champion Award**

Open to all community health center staff, board members, volunteers, or other individual associated with a MPCA member organization. The Community Champion Award is to recognize someone who has responded to the COVID-19 situation in extraordinary ways and helped to develop or implement an innovative approach to supporting patients during the pandemic.

Competitive nominations should address these criteria and be submitted no later than Friday, July 17th.

Please send nominations to Lisa Frost: lfrost@mepca.org.

Thank you.