

DATE: MAY 28, 2019

TO: All Supporters of Community-Oriented Primary Health Care

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

RE: 2019 MPCA AWARDS – **Nomination Form**  
**DEADLINE for Submission – July 19, 2019 – to [lfrost@mepca.org](mailto:lfrost@mepca.org)**

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

### **Clinical Awards:**

Whether physician, dentist, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, behaviorist, or clinical support staff the dedicated health center staff among our state's health centers make access to health services a reality for scores of underserved areas of Maine. These devoted staff who share their professional talents in communities otherwise lacking adequate access to primary care deserve to be recognized as heroes for their investments in an improved quality of life.

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

- 1. Physician Excellence Award (Carol Eckert, MD Memorial 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**

#### **Physician Excellence Award (Carol Eckert, MD Memorial 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 a 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 a 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.

***Physician's Assistant Excellence Award.*** Open to all community health center physician's assistants practicing at a 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 a 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, Behavioral Health professionals) practicing at a 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 a 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.

***Competitive nominations should address these criteria and must be submitted no later than July 19th. Nominations may be sent to Lisa Frost: [lfrost@mepca.org](mailto:lfrost@mepca.org).***

Awards will be presented at the MPCA Annual Conference, October 16-17, 2019. 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.

Thank you.