

MASSACHUSETTS LEAGUE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS
Annual Awards Gala Award Recipients
Friday, June 10, 2016

Every year, the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers recognizes individuals for their personal achievements and their outstanding service to the communities and to the community health center network. This year we will be recognizing the following individuals:

MELVIN E. BENSON, MBA, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center

will receive the League's most prestigious honor, the *Edward M. Kennedy Founder Award* which was established in 2010 in reverence to the late United States Senator, and is presented in honor of the achievements made by dedicated consumers, administrators, clinicians and leaders who continue to protect and promote health care access as a right for all rather than a privilege for a few.

CHARLES O'HARA, Codman Square Health Center

will receive the *Joseph M. Smith Consumer Award* which was established in honor of the late Joseph M. Smith who served on the League's Board of Directors and was an avid supporter of the community health center movement in Boston. The award is presented to a past or present board member of a League community health center and is modeled after community activists and board visionaries.

LORI ABRAMS BERRY, Lynn Community Health Center

will receive the *Outstanding Massachusetts Community Health Center Director Award*, which was established for the purpose of recognizing a remarkable individual as a leader who has made a considerable contribution to the community health center network, demonstrated by the courage and determination in moving the health center forward and on track

NANDINI SENGUPTA, MD, Dimock Community Health Center

ALEX GONZALEZ, MD, MPH, Fenway Community Health Center

Each will receive the *Outstanding Massachusetts Community Health Center Physician Award* which was established to give recognition to a physician who has demonstrated consistent support of, and devotion to, the delivery of community health care services through his/her clinical practice. This award is reflective of the innovation and leadership shown in delivering quality health care services.

IVELISSE DELGADO, Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center

KATY O'CONNELL, Community Health Center of Cape Cod

Each will receive the *Outstanding Massachusetts Community Health Center Employee Award* which was established to give recognition to the excellence and ingenuity exemplified by dedicated individuals who are representative of the community health center movement.
