

November 6, 2019

Dear Community Health Center Staff and Board Members:

Once a year, the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers goes all out in recognizing some of the finest in our health center movement.

On **Friday, June 12, 2020 at the Sheraton Boston Hotel**, we will once again recognize individuals within our community health centers for their personal achievements and their outstanding service to their communities.

Attached you will find the nomination form and criteria for the following awards to be presented that evening as well as a list of awardees in each category from the past 10 years:

Joseph M. Smith Board Member Award  
Outstanding Massachusetts Community Health Center Clinician Awards (2)  
Outstanding Massachusetts Community Health Center Executive Director/CEO Award  
Outstanding Massachusetts Community Health Center Employee Awards (2)  
Edward M. Kennedy Founder Award


**Please note the following:**

- Nominations that are supported by multiple individuals, the health center administrative team or the health center board chair are preferred but not required.
- All community health center staff members are eligible for the employee awards.
- Past awardees in a specific category are not precluded from being recognized in a different category
- The award review committee reserves the right to move nominees into other categories if appropriate.
- There is no limit on the number of nominations from a health center, however, no more than one individual from a health center will be selected during the process, thereby allowing for more health center recognition during the event.

All League members and community health center staff and boards of directors are encouraged to submit nominations. Feel free to forward this correspondence to other staff or board members who may not have received it or to print out additional forms if necessary.

The deadline for submitting nominations is Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Nomination forms received after that date will not be considered. All submissions can be emailed or mailed to me at the contact info below. If there are any questions about award criteria, eligibility or prior awardees, please let me know.

Thank you for spreading the word.



Cheryl Shaughnessy  
Vice President, Membership Services

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## OUTSTANDING MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER:

### CLINICIAN AWARDS (2)

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A nominee must have worked as a clinician – a licensed independent practitioner who independently provides care and treatment plans for his or her patients – in a community health center for at least five years. Nominees must have demonstrated consistent support of, and devotion to, the delivery of community health services through his or her clinical practice

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO AWARD

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This award 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. Nominees must have demonstrated a level of excellence in their leadership ability, advocacy, and organizational skills, which set them apart in a distinctive manner. A nominee must be an Executive Director of a member community health center for at least five years.

### EMPLOYEE AWARDS (2)

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Candidacy for this award is open to all categories of employees who have worked in a community health center for at least 5 years. A nominee should exemplify, through his or her work, the professional excellence, the commitment, and the compassion, which are representative of the community health center network and its delivery of health care services.

### JOSEPH M. SMITH BOARD MEMBER AWARD

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The Joseph M. Smith Board Member Award 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. This award is presented to an individual who exemplifies a high level of interest in, dedication to, and support of the delivery of primary health care services and the communities in which these services are provided.

Nominees for this award must have demonstrated a distinctive level of leadership, ombudsmanship, and advocacy, and must be, or have been, a board member of a community health center that is a member of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers. Board members who are patients of a health center are preferred but not required.

### EDWARD M. KENNEDY FOUNDER AWARD

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The Edward M. Kennedy Founder Award was established in reverence to the late United States Senator, who, over the course of his esteemed career, was recognized as the nation's chief congressional advocate and supporter of community health centers. This award is to be presented annually 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.

In bestowing this most prestigious award, the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers seeks to recognize an individual who has rendered outstanding service to the community health center network, as did Dr. H. Jack Geiger, one of the founders of the first two community health centers in the nation, and Kathleen Crampton, a community activist and co-founder of the League who provided assistance to the consumers and community individuals who worked to create our state association.

Nominees will be judged on the basis of their demonstrated actions, leadership or advocacy. A nominee for this award must have been actively involved, directly or indirectly, with the development or delivery of community health care services over a period of at least 10 years. but is *not required* to be a founder of a community health center.

**PLEASE SEE NOMINATION FORM ON BACK**

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## Nomination Form

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**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. ATTACH ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION AS NEEDED.**

I nominate the following individual for the:

Clinician Award       Executive Director/CEO Award       Board Member Award

Employee Award       EMK Founder Award

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Community Health Center Affiliation:

Title at Community Health Center:

Number of Years in the Field of Community Health:

Organization or Affiliation (for EMK Founder Award):

Nominated By:

Phone of Nominator:

Please explain below why nominee deserves this recognition **(Or attach explanation if more space is required)** :

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*Please return nomination forms via mail, fax or email by Tuesday, January 21, 2020 to:*

*Cheryl Shaughnessy, MLCHC, 40 Court Street, 10th floor, Boston, MA 02108;*

*cshaughnessy@massleague.org*

*Questions? Call: (617) 426-2225*

## PREVIOUS YEARS' AWARD WINNERS

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### Edward M. Kennedy Founder Award

2019	Toni McGuire	Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, President & CEO
2018	Rudy Hunter	Community Health Center of Cape Cod
2017	Peter Loewinthan, MD	DotHouse Health
2016	Melvin Benson	Brockton Neighborhood Health Center, CFO
2015	Daniel Driscoll	Harbor Health Services, CEO
2014	Frances Anthes	Family Health Center of Worcester, CEO
2013	Philip Johnston	Johnston Associates and former EOHHS Secretary
2012	Jack Cradock	East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, CEO
2011	William Walczak	Codman Square Health Center, CEO
2010	Henia Handler	Fenway Community Health Center, Director of Governmental Relations

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### Joseph M. Smith Board Member Award

2019	Linda Kelly	Manet Community Health Center
2018	Larry Adams	Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program
2017	Carrie Buckner	Holyoke Health Center
2016	Charles O'Hara	Codman Square Health Center
2015	William Mantzoukas	Lynn Community Health Center
2014	Norma Reppucci	North End Waterfront Health
2013	Benjamin Cartagena	Holyoke Health Center
2012	Dan Gallagher	South Boston Community Health Center
2011	John Feehan	Lynn Community Health Center
2010	Rita Sorrento	East Boston Neighborhood Health Center

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### Clinician Award

2019	Evelyne Delori, NP	Lowell Community Health Center
	Mary Lunsford, MD	DotHouse Health
2018	William Horgan, DDS	Charles River Community Health
	Alejandro Esparza-Perez, MD	Holyoke Health Center
2017	Benjamin Lightfoot, MD	Brockton Neighborhood Health Center
2016	Alex Gonzalez, MD, MPH	Fenway Community Health Center
	Nandini Sengupla, MD	Dimock Community Health Center
2015	Barbara Prazak, MD	Outer Cape Health Services
2014	Wha-Ja Woo, MD	Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center
2013	Phillip "Chip" Severin, MD	Codman Square Health Center
2012	Myechia Minter-Jordan, MD, MBA	Dimock Community Health Center
2011	Victor Lewis, MD	MGH Chelsea HealthCare Center
2010	H. Carroll Eastman, MD	Joseph M. Smith Community Health Center

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### Executive Director/CEO Award

2019	Sandra Cotterell	Codman Square Health Center
2018	Liz Browne	Charles River Community Health
2017	Toni McGuire	Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center
2016	Lori Berry	Lynn Community Health Center
2015	Nancy Paull	Family HealthCare Center at SSTAR
2014	Thomas Kieffer	Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center
2013	Karen Gardner	Community Health Center of Cape Cod
2012	Nancy Bucken	Neponset Health Center
2011	Robert Ingala	Greater Lawrence Family Health Center
2010	Frederica Williams	Whittier Street Health Center

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## EMPLOYEE AWARDS

2019	Matilda Correia Mohamed Fouzi Raheb	Brockton Neighborhood Health Center, Intake Supervisor Family Health Center of Worcester, Coordinator of Health Benefits and Registration
2018	Patty Andrews Sue Schlotterbeck	Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Director of Patient Accounts Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, Director of Health Equity-Population Health
2017	Jessica Calabrese, RDH Karen Richardson Santiago (Sammy) Rosario	Community Health Center of Franklin County, Dental Operations Director South Boston Community Health Center, Director of Billing Upham's Corner Health Center, Transportation Supervisor
2016	Ivelisse Delgado	Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, Receptionist/Benefit Coordinator Supervisor, Managed Care
2015	Katy O'Connell Tarma Johnson, FNP, BC Phillip Morrison Henry Och	Community Health Center of Cape Cod, CIO Mattapan Community Health Center, Director, Clinical Health Services Community Health Programs, CFO Lowell Community Health Center, COO
2014	Andrea Gaulzetti, RN Karen Marino Jo-Ann Winbush	Lynn Community Health Center, Chief of Clinical Operations East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Operations Manager for Pediatrics Codman Square Health Center, Director of Operations
2013	Sharon Callendar, RN, MPH	Mattapan Community Health Center, Coordinator, Family & Community Health Services
2012	Octavio Hernandez Helen Phillips Timothy Comeaux, MSW, LICSW	CHP Health Center, Enrollment Specialist and Medical Interpreter Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Sr. Systems Applications Analyst Brockton Neighborhood Health Center, Director of HIV Services, Assistant Director of Social Services
2011	Martha Sullivan, DDS Eric Tiberi Martha Fisk, RN BSN Maria Goode Priscilla Jackett	Family Health Center of Worcester, Director of Dental Services South Cove Community Health Center, COO Holyoke Health Center, Nurse & Assistant Clinical Director Brookside Community Health Center, Coordinator of Patient Services Outer Cape Health Services, Healthcare Access Specialist
2010	Emely Barreto, MA Alan Filzer, DDS  Tony Voislow	Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Medical Assistant, Clinical Educator Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program & Upham's Corner Health Center, Dental Director Manet Community Health Center, CFO

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