

October 7, 2022

Dear Community Health Center Staff and Board Members:

The Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers (Mass League) was established in 1972 to support and expand community health centers across the state. Over the years the League has grown in size and scope, providing a wide range of support to our members and serving as an information source on community-based health care to policymakers, opinion leaders and the media. That said, the League can only be as strong as its members, and a strong membership is the result of the personal achievements and outstanding service of individuals within the community health center movement.

On Friday, June 2, 2023, at The Westin Copley Place, Boston, the League will recognize a group of exceptional individuals who embody the mission of community health centers.

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

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

Please note the following:

- Nominations that are supported by multiple individuals, the health center administrative team or health center board chair are preferred but not required.
- All community health center staff are eligible for the employee award.
- 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.

The deadline for submitting nomination is November 22, 2022. Nomination forms received after that date will not be considered. All submission can be emailed or mailed to me at the contact information below. If there are any questions about award criteria, eligibility or prior awardees, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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Vice President, Membership Services

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OUTSTANDING MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER:

CLINICIAN AWARDS (2)

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 member 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

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/CEO of a member community health center for at least five years.

EMPLOYEE AWARDS (2)

Candidacy for this award is open to all categories of employees who have worked in a member community health center for at least five 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

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

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 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 Mass 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 ten years, but is not required to be a founder of a community health center.

Nomination Form

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)** :

*Please return nomination forms via mail or email by **Tuesday, November 22, 2022** to:
Cheryl Shaughnessy, MLCHC, 40 Court Street, 10th floor, Boston, MA 02108;
cshaughnessy@massleague.org
Questions? Call: (617) 988-2240*

PREVIOUS YEARS' AWARD WINNERS

Edward M. Kennedy Founder Award

2022	Allison Coleman	Capital Link and Community Health Center Capital Fund CEO
2021	Jay Breines	Holyoke Health Center, CEO
2019	Toni McGuire	Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, President & CEO
2018	Rudy Hunter	Community Health Center of Cape Cod, Board Member
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

Joseph M. Smith Board Member Award

2022	Bruce Robinson	Lowell Community Health Center
2021	Ann Brady	South Boston Community Health Center
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

Clinician Award

2022	Azra Ali, MD	North Shore Community Health
2021	Holly Oh, MD	Dimock Community Health Center
	Vincent Waite, MD, MPH	Greater Lawrence Family Health Center
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

Executive Director/CEO Award

2022	Barry Bock	Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program
2021	Tania Barber	Caring Health Center
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

EMPLOYEE AWARDS

2022	Juan Carvajal	Holyoke Health Center, Director of Facilities and Maintenance
	Hue Cam Diep	Manet Community Health Center, Lead Patient Service Representative
2021	Michael Jacques	Brockton Neighborhood Health Center, Facilities Director
	Vickie Wilson, RN, BSN	Hilltown Community Health Center, Director of Nursing
2019	Matilda Correia	Brockton Neighborhood Health Center, Intake Supervisor
	Mohamed Fouzi Raheb	Family Health Center of Worcester, Coordinator of Health Benefits and Registration
2018	Patty Andrews	Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Director of Patient Accounts
	Sue Schlotterbeck	Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, Director of Health Equity-Population Health
2017	Jessica Calabrese, RDH	Community Health Center of Franklin County, Dental Operations Director
	Karen Richardson	South Boston Community Health Center, Director of Billing
	Santiago (Sammy) Rosario	Upham's Corner Health Center, Transportation Supervisor
2016	Ivelisse Delgado	Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center, Receptionist/Benefit Coordinator Supervisor, Managed Care
	Katy O'Connell	Community Health Center of Cape Cod, CIO
2015	Tarma Johnson, FNP, BC	Mattapan Community Health Center, Director, Clinical Health Services
	Phillip Morrison	Community Health Programs, CFO
	Henry Och	Lowell Community Health Center, COO
2014	Andrea Gaulzetti, RN	Lynn Community Health Center, Chief of Clinical Operations
	Karen Marino	East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Operations Manager for Pediatrics
	Jo-Ann Winbush	Codman Square Health Center, Director of Operations
2013	Sharon Callendar, RN, MPH	Mattapan Community Health Center, Coordinator, Family & Community Health Services
	Octavio Hernandez	CHP Health Center, Enrollment Specialist and Medical Interpreter
	Helen Phillips	Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Sr. Systems Applications Analyst
2012	Timothy Comeaux, MSW, LICSW	Brockton Neighborhood Health Center, Director of HIV Services, Assistant Director of Social Services
	Martha Sullivan, DDS	Family Health Center of Worcester, Director of Dental Services
	Eric Tiberi	South Cove Community Health Center, COO
