Minnesota Rural Health Conference

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Duluth, Minnesota

Minnesota Rural Health Awards June 20, 2017
2017 Rural Health Awards

HERO NOMINATIONS
LaRaye Anderson
American Indian Community Specialist
Minnesota Department of Health

“She is a high performing employee and continually addresses her grantees needs respectfully while demonstrating a strong understanding of the significant cultural differences between the dominant culture and the American Indian people.”
2017 Hero Nomination

Kurt Devine
Physician
CHI St. Gabriel’s Health

“He has invested many hours beyond his family practice to patients suffering from addiction and has spread his knowledge well beyond Morrison County, even testifying before state and federal legislators.”
Jode Freyholtz-London
Executive Director
Wellness In The Woods

“She is a tireless advocate for consumer-level mental health awareness, advocacy and education. Her work is genuinely ‘grass roots’.”
Reverend Daryl Jacobson  
Chaplain  
Lakewood Health System  

“His relationships with patients, families, caregivers and health care staff have positively impacted their well-being and helped them spiritually cope with devastation and difficult times.”
2017 Hero Nomination

Mark Paulson
CEO, Chippewa County Montevideo Hospital (CCMH)

“He has made significant contributions to improve the quality of service to our patients, the quality of work life for our employees and health care professionals, and the overall performance of our hospital and clinic.”
2017 Hero Nomination

Leah Stauty
Dental Assistant
Children’s Dental Services

“She provides dental care to underserved, low-income children and pregnant women across St. Louis County, Minnesota. She goes above and beyond to ensure that patients in Duluth receive the highest quality of dental care.”
2017 Hero Nomination

Gail Wallace
Nurse Practitioner
Essentia Health – St. Mary’s Medical Center

“She works tirelessly at a systems level and through a patient-centered approach to improve the coordination of care and life experiences of stroke survivors all across NE Minnesota.”
Past Rural Health Hero Awards

- 2016: Matthew E. Bernard
- 2015: Maureen Ideker
- 2014: James Boulger
- 2013: Al Vogt
- 2012: O.J. Doyle
- 2011: Therese Zink
Past Rural Health Hero Awards

- 2010: Colleen Spike
- 2009: Tim Rice
- 2008: Gary Wingrove
- 2007: Ray Christensen
- 2006: Gary Davis
- 2005: Wilfredo Apostol
Past Rural Health Hero Awards

• 2004: Marie Comstock
• 2003: Darrell Smith
• 2002: Rick Failing & Mel Nefstead
• 2001: Darrell Carter
• 2000: Anne Roberton
• 1999: Warren Larson
TEAM NOMINATIONS
Avera Behavioral Health Clinic
Marshall, Minnesota

“Because patients in southwest Minnesota can get their primary care and specialty psychiatry care right in Marshall through the Avera system and Avera eCARE, they receive comprehensive, coordinated care that’s appropriate and safe for their individual diagnosis.”
C.A.R.E. Clinic Volunteers
Goodhue County

“Over 200 volunteers collaborate to advance CARE Clinic’s mission of improving the health of our community by providing free health care access, connecting resources and promoting health education to uninsured and low-income individuals.”
The Heck Family
Chisholm, Iron Range and Arrowhead Region of Minnesota

“This family has dedicated itself to health and dental care in the region for generations and represents the type of commitment to rural health that indeed needs to be celebrated.”
Oral Health Task Force
North Shore Health Care Foundation

“The Oral Health Task Force (OHTF) team does outstanding work to bring critical preventive and restorative dental care to 60 young adults and 700 children, 250 of whom are of low income.”
Rural Family Medicine Preceptors
Practicing family physicians in rural Minnesota clinics and hospitals throughout Minnesota

“A good deal of our success in placing practicing physicians in rural Minnesota is the result of working with the rural physicians, their patients and their communities during the formative years of medical school.”
Past Rural Health Team Awards

• 2016: Morrison County Prescription Drug Task Force
• 2015: The Angel Fund
• 2014: Project Care Free Clinic
• 2013: Open Door Health Center Mobile Team
• 2012: Violence Prevention Council of Morrison County
Past Rural Health Team Awards

• 2011: Right Side Up in Otter Tail County, Falls Prevention Interprofessional Practice and Education Team
• 2010: Northern Dental Access Center
• 2009: Riverwood Breast Health Team, Aitkin/Brainerd Lakes
• 2008: Saint Elizabeth’s Wellness and Disease Management Team
• 2007: Drug Free Coalition of Bemidji
• 2006: Access Healthcare Home Health Psychiatric Nursing Team
• 2005: SISU Medical Systems
Past Rural Health Team Awards

- 2004: Senior Helping Hands Program
- 2003: Madelia Community Hospital “Fight the Fat” Team
- 2002: Freshwater Education District, Lakewood Health System Fetal Alcohol Diagnostic Team
- 2001: County Emergency Medical Services, Fertile
- 2000: Saludando Salud and Paynesville Area Health Care System
- 1999: Keith Moulton and Roger Parsons
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT NOMINATIONS
2017 Lifetime Achievement Nomination

Dr. Daniel Rose
Lakewood Health System

“Among his many achievements, Dr. Daniel Rose has practiced general dentistry for more than thirty-five years and has dedicated his professional career to serving the elderly and special needs patient.”
2017 Lifetime Achievement Nomination

Dr. George Rounds
Retired Physician

“In 1975, when Dr. Rounds chose to continue as a young doctor in a remote area of northern Minnesota in order to keep the doors of the small hospital in Bigfork open, he ensured access to health care over a large area. We have an entire swath of the state that has health care only because Dr. Rounds decided to stay on. He’s the epitome of a family doctor.”
“It takes a visionary and a whole-hearted commitment to do what Dr. Michael Zakula has done for oral health in rural communities.”
Inaugural Year for Lifetime Achievement Award

• 2016: Paul Van Gorp
2017 Rural Health Awards

NOMINATIONS
Maren Anderson
RPAP medical student at the University of Minnesota Duluth Medical School
“Maren has a strong desire to ... lead the way through involvement with care coordination and population health care models. ... [She] participated in an emerging care coordination model and involved a public health nurse as part of her care team during her RPAP experience at Hutchinson Health.”
Anna Fugelstad

RPAP medical student at the University of Minnesota Duluth Medical School

“Anna gives patients and health literacy learners the opportunity to experience... individualized care and personal wellness in an inclusive, respectful, and attentive environment. ... Anna has initiated or partnered to lead several highly impactful projects across the geographic area she serves.”
Nathan Ratner

Medical student at the University of Minnesota Duluth Medical School

“Nathan consistently acts to promote awareness and dialogue about health issues affecting rural and American Indian communities in Minnesota. ... on any given day [he] might be found presenting at an academic conference, seen quoted in a regional newspaper, or heard talking with radio hosts about addressing health inequities in our state.”
Corey Strong
Health Care Management student at the University of Minnesota Duluth

“Corey has worked to raise awareness and over $3,500 for food shelves in Cook and Orr through the Empty Bowls fundraiser. He is also the President/Co-Founder of the organization Niij Nation, which seeks to raise awareness of Native American culture. ... He is passionate about improving the health of his community, the Boise Forte Band of Chippewa.”