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ANNUAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Deadline: March 9, 2009

The HCH Clinicians' Network invites members to nominate deserving colleagues for its annual Award for Outstanding Service. The Membership Committee will present this award during the National Health Care for the Homeless Conference in Washington, DC, in June 2009. This national award honors a clinician working in health care for the homeless who has made a significant contribution to improving the health and quality of life of homeless people. Awardees may include clinicians in a broad array of disciplines such as nurses, social workers, outreach workers, oral health providers, physicians, nurse practitioners, substance abuse specialists, mental health providers, physician assistants—anyone providing hands-on care to homeless individuals and families.

AWARD CRITERIA

- The nominee must be a hands-on caregiver who has advanced the companion goals of ending and preventing homelessness
- The nominee must be an individual who demonstrates vision and creativity in his or her work to improve the health and quality of life of homeless people
- The nominator must describe how and why you think this individual goes above and beyond his or her job description requirements
- Nominees must be clinicians who have worked with homeless people for at least three years
- Nominees must have been a member of the HCH Clinicians' Network since January 2008

GUIDELINES

- Any Network member may submit nominations; self-nominations are not accepted
- The nominee must be a current Network member; current Network Steering Committee members are ineligible
- The nominee must be present at the 2009 National Health Care for the Homeless Conference in June to receive the award
- The Network provides a travel stipend *up to* \$200 to assure that the winner is able to attend the award ceremony and conference

APPLICATION PROCESS

To nominate a member of the HCH Clinicians' Network for the Award for Outstanding Service, provide the following:

- The 2009 Nomination Form, which must be completed by the candidate's supervisor, colleague or other professional associate; the Form is attached to this E-Newsletter
- The nominee's resume or *curriculum vitae*
- A letter from at least one of the nominee's clients or patients describing how the nominee had a positive impact on his or her life
- A letter of support from a peer or co-worker of the nominee
- A digital photograph of the nominee that will be used to promote the awards presentation and displayed at the 2009 National Health Care for the Homeless Conference
- Mail application materials to the HCH Clinicians' Network, P. O. Box 60427, Nashville, TN 37206-0427; e-mail the nominee's photo to bproffitt@nhhc.org
- Application Deadline: March 9, 2009
- Questions? Call 505 872-1151

SELECTION PROCESS

- A seven-member *ad hoc* committee convened by the Membership Committee Chair will review all nominations meeting the above requirements and select the award recipient
- Network staff will notify all nominators at least six weeks before the awards presentation

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QUESTIONS FROM OUR READERS . . .

HELP WITH MEDICATIONS . . .

I am interested in knowing how other HCH projects with pharmacies are dealing with the current economy and high medication prices, particularly psychotropics, and how clinics are getting meds for folks who are undocumented.

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Several links to resources specific to medication assistance programs are on our website on the Prescription Drugs page at www.nhhc.org/prescriptiondrugs.html

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UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS

June 23 – 27, 2009: National Health Care for the Homeless Conference & Policy Symposium | Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill | Washington, DC | www.nhhc.org | 615 226-2292

July 20 – 22: National Center for Health in Public Housing Conference | The Fairmont Hotel | Washington, DC | For information, contact Monique Cuffee, HPH Project Manager at mcuffee@nambco.com | www.healthinpublichousing.org

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HCH CLINICIANS' NETWORK | NOMINATIONS FORM
2009 AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

I nominate the following individual for the Health Care for the Homeless Clinicians' Network 2009 Award for Outstanding Service:

Please print or type.

Full name of nominee and credentials

Job Title

Organization

Address

Telephone

FAX

E-Mail Address

Please address each section below as thoroughly as possible since this is the information that the review committee uses to make its decisions.

Longevity. Nominees must have worked with homeless people for at least three years. List job position(s), agency name(s) and service dates, documenting the three-year period.

Impact on Improving Health & Quality of Life of Homeless People. Provide in detail from one to three examples that illustrate the creative and visionary work undertaken by the nominee that inspire you to nominate this clinician. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Community Collaboration & Outreach. Provide from one to three examples that illustrate significant community collaborations that resulted in preventing or ending homelessness. Examples might be efforts that increase public awareness and understanding of homelessness; mentoring; working with educational institutions; coalition building on the local, state, regional or national level, etc. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Above & Beyond. Describe in 200 words or less how and why you think this individual goes above and beyond his or her job description requirements.

Noteworthy Conduct. Provide any information about the nominee's interests and activities outside homeless health care that you would like the review committee to take into account. Examples include community or volunteer service or activities related to the nominee's avocation.

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Nominations Process Checklist. *In addition to this Nominations Form, the application must include:*

- a letter—which may be hand-written—from at least one of the nominee's clients or patients describing how the nominee made a difference in his or her life;
- a letter of support from a peer or co-worker of the nominee;
- the nominee's current, complete resume or curriculum vitae; and
- the nominee's photo—which may be a snapshot—for display at the National Conference. *Please e-mail the photo to bproffitt@nhhc.org no later than March 15, 2009.*

Reminder: *The nominee must have been a Network member since January 2008. If you are unsure of the nominee's membership status, call Pat Petty at 615/226-2292. You, the nominator, must also be a current member of the HCH Clinicians' Network.*

Just a little about you . . .

Nominator's name

Address

Telephone

FAX

E-Mail Address

Signature

Date

- I am a current member of the HCH Clinicians' Network
- I need to renew my Network membership; a check for \$35 made payable to the HCH Clinicians' Network is enclosed to cover my annual dues

Mail application and supporting documents to:
Pat Petty | HCH Clinicians' Network | P. O. Box 60427 | Nashville, TN 37206-0427
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