

The National Cooperative of Health Networks Association is pleased to accept nominations for the 8th Annual NCHN Awards Program. The Awards Program is designed to honor outstanding individuals and organizations in the field of health networks. The 8th Annual Awards Luncheon will be held at the 2017 NCHN Annual Educational Conference in Bozeman, Montana. Act now to nominate your favorite health network leader and/or organization so that they will be known and honored nationally for dedicating their professional life, expertise, time and talent to providing and improving the health services of their network members. **Entry deadline is Thursday, March 23, 2017.**

Any NCHN members can submit nominations for the NCHN Awards Program. You can nominate yourself or a colleague. If you have any questions about the NCHN Awards Program, please contact Rebecca J. Davis at rdavis@nchn.org or 970-712-0732.

Awards presentation and recognition

NCHN will recognize the award winners on Wednesday, April 26 at the Awards Breakfast at the 2017 NCHN Annual Educational Conference. The awardees will be recognized before the conference participants, which will include their peers, government officials and guests. The 2017 Awards Breakfast will be at Best Western GranTree Inn, Bozeman, MT on Wednesday, April 26th @ 7:15 AM MT. Awardees will receive the opportunity to make a three-to-five minute acceptance speech. The Award winner will receive one guest breakfast ticket. Additional breakfast passes can be purchased at the rate of \$20.00 each. Awardees will receive coverage in NCHN e-News and a plaque or award appropriate for display. Additionally, a national press release will be issued by the NCHN announcing the winners. Awardees and their organizations are requested to respect the right of NCHN to be the first to announce program winners. Award winners are expected to attend the Awards Breakfast.

Award categories

Outstanding Network Leader

The NCHN's Outstanding Network Leader Award recognizes a network leader for leadership in managing a successful health network organization. The Network Leader Award is meant to be inclusive of all types of health networks, alliances, collaboratives, and consortiums. The network leader must have been in the position for a minimum of five years. The nominee's work should expand beyond the local community and have a demonstrated effect on health networks at state and national levels.

Factors taken into consideration include:

- Active involvement of the network members
- Lasting contributions to the overall health care system of the area
- Long-term sustainability of the network
- Proven outstanding leadership

Outstanding Health Network

The Outstanding Health Network Award recognized a network that has improved access to healthcare services within its service area and facilitated the coordination of resources for network members through innovative, comprehensive approaches.

Factors considered include:

- Coordination of services with other health care agencies to avoid duplication of services
- Innovation in development and implementation of services
- Lasting impact on populations and areas served by the network
- Networking and collaboration with other health care entities to achieve common goals
- Organizational leadership, outreach, education, quality and efficiency of care
- Strong network support from members served
- Sustained network

Outstanding Emerging Network Leader

The Outstanding Emerging Network Leader Award recognizes extraordinary leadership activities demonstrated by a new network leader in the field of health networks (at least one year and not more than five years). Candidates nominated for this award will have displayed a vested interest in improving health networks and will have demonstrated an ability to work towards this improvement.

Efforts may include:

- Commitment of time/effort to the sustainability and long-term viability of the network
- Developing and implementing new program services for the network members
- Educational or promotional activities of the network
- Significant achievements in network development
- Unique approaches to identifying or meeting needs of network members

Friend of NCHN

The Friend of NCHN Award is given to recognize a program, institution, agency, or individual that has advocated for or provided extraordinary support to the Association.

Application Process

An application form must be completed and returned to NCHN by **Thursday, March 23, 2017**. The applications will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. Members of the Selection Committee will not be considered for an award. For more information, contact Rebecca J. Davis at rdavis@nchn.org or 970-712-0732.