AMCHP YOUNG MCH PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

For recognition of outstanding state or local MCH professional under the age of 45 who has substantially contributed to the needs of women, children, youth and families.

Presented at its annual conference, AMCHP established the Young MCH Professional Awards to identify and recognize the next generation of MCH leadership.

Background

Presented for the first time in 2014, the Young MCH Professional Award was developed to recognize a current/future leader for their significant contributions to their state MCH programs in promoting and protecting the health of women, children, and families in their state and/or region. This award recognizes outstanding state or local MCH professionals under age 45 whose work has made substantial contributions to their state’s MCH program, their state’s MCH outcomes, or made other significant contributions to promoting and protecting the health of women, children, and families in their state. It recognizes an individual’s capacity to perform above and beyond expectations, using creativity and innovation to address pressing MCH challenges, and their emerging and future leadership potential. Up to ten awards, a maximum of one from each HHS Region, will be conferred annually. The recipients will be recognized at AMCHP’s Annual Conference in Washington, DC and is expected to accept the award in person.

Criteria

Nominees must meet all of the following criteria:

- Nominee must be 45 years of age or younger.
- Demonstrate individual capacity to perform above and beyond expectations, using creativity and innovation to address pressing MCH challenges, and their emerging and future leadership potential.
- Be an AMCHP member OR their organization/agency must be an AMCHP member at the time of the nomination.
- Be employed by a state health agency or health-related partner whose mission focuses on MCH issues (i.e. March of Dimes, AAP, Family Voices, Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies, etc.) Employment may be part or full time, internship, fellowship, etc.
- If the nominee is not a Title V/MCH/CYSHCN director or AMCHP delegate a letter supporting the nomination must be submitted by the state Title V/MCH/CYSHCN director or a state AMCHP delegate.

Selection Process

The award is awarded on an annual basis. Each of the ten HRSA regions submits one candidate for consideration to the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee makes recommendations to the AMCHP president for approval.

Prior Awardees

2014  Jenny Baker  Region X
HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINEE

- Complete an Award Nomination Form (Click here)
- Submitter's name and contact information
- Nominee & nominee contact information
- Background/Justification statement (Why is this nominee particularly noteworthy? How has this individual contributed to the improvement of your program beyond simply doing their job well?)
- Brief biographic sketch or summary CV of the nominee
- Relevant attachments to aide in the review (e.g. letters of support)
- Submit your nominee to Nora Lam at nlam@amchp.org
- Questions? E-mail Nora Lam at nlam@amchp.org

HOW TO PROMOTE THE AWARD

- We are looking for a nominee from each of the ten HRSA regions and we are counting on you to help us identify potential honorees! This is your chance to recognize a young professional who has forged new ground within your MCH/CYSHCN program.
- In addition to announcements on regional calls, AMCHP will solicit nominations from across the country via our website, social media channels, and e-Newsletters, Member Briefs and Pulse.
- Regional Directors: If you have a regional call in June and July, we encourage you to promote this award on your call. Nominations for the award will be submitted via AMCHP’s standard electronic Award nomination process. AMCHP has created a scoring form to assist Regional Directors in selecting the candidate for their region.

POST-SUBMISSION PROCESS

- AMCHP staff will email each region’s nominees to the Regional Director 115 days prior to the AMCHP Annual Conference.
- Regional Directors will then forward their region’s nominee to the Governance Committee 100 days prior to AMCHP Annual Conference.
- The Governance Committee will review the final nominees and advise the Board President of selected winners 80 days prior to the AMCHP Annual Conference.

KEY DATES

- 150 days out – Call for Nominations
- 120 days out – Deadline for Nominations
- 115 days out – AMCHP staff to forward nominations to appropriate regional director
- 100 days out – Regional Directors to submit the region's nominee to the Governance Committee via email to nlam@amchp.org
- 80 days out – Governance Committee to meet and make decision on winners
- 75 days out- Winners notified
# Young MCH Professional Award
## Scoring Sheet

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## Additional Information
Special circumstances/consideration not reflected in the scores:

**Strengths:**

**Weakness:**