



Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health

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2010 CONFERENCE OUTSTANDING RURAL HEALTH AWARDS

Deadline: Application must be received by noon, Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

Please consider making your nominations early for the 2010 Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health.

Three professionals and one volunteer will be honored at the 2010 Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health. The health professional awards are "*The Outstanding Rural Health Provider*," "*The Outstanding Rural Health Professional*," and "*The Outstanding Rural Health Program*". "*The Outstanding Rural Health Volunteer*" award will be presented to a dedicated volunteer. The purpose of this memo is to encourage you to "toot your own horn" and nominate those who you work with, whom you believe deserving of this statewide recognition.

The Outstanding Rural Health Provider Award will be presented to a health care clinician whose practice is in rural North Dakota. This award can be thought of as a lifetime service award to a rural health care provider (e.g. physician, nurse, dentist, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, dietitian etc...) who has unselfishly made an important contribution to their community and area.

The Outstanding Rural Health Professional Award will be presented to a health care professional (e.g. clinic manager, hospital administrator, nursing home administrator, program director, public health director, etc...) located in rural North Dakota, who has demonstrated leadership in the delivery of rural health services.

The Outstanding Rural Health Program Award celebrates the ingenuity and creativity of rural North Dakotans. We will seek to present this award to programs that deliver services in innovative ways, highlight coordination among providers, or improve the quality of care to rural residents. Individual programs and/or overall organizations/facilities are eligible for the award.

The Outstanding Rural Health Volunteer Award recognizes the contributions made by community people (e.g. board of directors/trustees, auxiliary, non-professional community representative, emergency medical services personnel, etc.) who have contributed their energy, time, and skill toward the betterment of rural health care. Nominees must be volunteers and not paid full or part-time staff. If, however, a nominee receives a small stipend, money to cover some travel cost, etc., they are eligible for the volunteer award.

If you have nominated an individual or a program in a prior year, and that individual or program did not receive an award, please consider doing so again. Each year many worthy nominations are made but only one award per category can be distributed. It seems a shame that some very worthy nominees are only nominated once. The Nomination Committee strongly encourages re-submissions. Persistence can yield dividends.

The awards will be presented at the Dakota Conference on Rural and Public Health, which will be held April 13-15, 2010, at the Alerus Center, Grand Forks, ND.



April 13, 14, & 15th, 2010
"Health Care in Transition: Creative Strategies"

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NOMINATION FORM**

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Please Check Category of Award:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Rural Health Provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Rural Health Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Rural Health Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Rural Health Volunteer |

Nominee

Name: _____ Degree: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

Position: _____

Submitted By

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

Position: _____

In 500 words or less, provide a summary supporting your nomination, using the space below, as well as the back, if needed. Please send this official nomination along with three additional letters of support (required). (If more than three letters of support are submitted, only three will be reviewed.)

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