

The National Cooperative of Health Networks Association is pleased to accept nominations for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual NCHN Awards Program. The Awards Program is designed to honor outstanding individuals and organizations in the field of health networks. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Luncheon will be held at the 2012 NCHN Annual Educational Conference in Denver, Colorado. Act now to nominate your favorite health network leader and/or organization so that they might 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 March 15, 2012.**

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](mailto:rdavis@nchn.org) or 970-712-0732.

### Awards presentation and recognition

NCHN will host an Awards Banquet Luncheon in honor of the NCHN Award winners at the 2012 NCHN Annual Educational Conference. At the luncheon, the awardees will be recognized before the conference participants, which will include their peers, government officials and guests. The 2012 Awards Luncheon will be at The Curtis Hotel on Monday, April 16, 2012. Awardees will receive the opportunity to make a three-to-five minute acceptance speech. The Award winner will receive one guest banquet luncheon ticket. Additional banquet passes can be purchased at the rate of \$50.00 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 the NCHN to be the first to announce program winners.

### Award categories

#### Outstanding Network Leader of the Year

The NCHN's Outstanding Network Leader of the Year 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 at least five years.

Factors taken into consideration include:

- providing outstanding leadership,
- involvement of the network members,
- long-term sustainability of the network,
- active participation in the networks' service community, and
- lasting contributions to the overall health care system of the area.

The nominee's work should expand beyond the local community and have a demonstrated effect on health networks at state and national levels.

### **Outstanding Health Network of the Year**

The Outstanding Health Network of the Year Award recognized any network or entire network organization that has improved access to health services in its service area and 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,
- networking and collaboration with other health care entities to achieve common goals,
- innovation in development and implementation of services,
- leadership, outreach, education, quality and efficiency of care,
- strong network support from members served, and
- lasting impact on populations and areas served by the network.

### **Outstanding New & Emerging Network Leader of the Year**

The Outstanding New & Emerging Network Leader of the Year Award recognizes extraordinary leadership activities demonstrated by a new network leader/director in the field of health networks (network leader less 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:

- 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, and
- commitment of time/effort to the sustainability and long-term viability of the network.

### **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 March 15, 2012. The applications will be reviewed by the Selection Committee, which is comprised of former NCHN Award winners. For more information, contact Rebecca J. Davis at [rdavis@nchn.org](mailto:rdavis@nchn.org) or 970-712-0732. The application form is available online and can be accessed [here](#) or at <http://nchn.org/2012conference/awards.php>