

DANNY K. DAVIS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Art Jones, M.D., Lawndale Christian Health Center (2000)
Carmen Velasquez, Alivio Medical Center (2001)
Vera Smith, Will County Community Health Center (2002)
Berneice Mills-Thomas, Near North Health Service Corporation (2003)
Michael Savage, Access Community Health Network (2004) *awarded posthumously*
Len Sharber, Circle Family Care (2005) *awarded posthumously*
No award recipient in 2006
Barbara Dunn, Community Health Improvement Center (2007)
Fred Bernstein, Community Health & Emergency Services, Inc. (2008)
Robert Klutts, Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation, Inc. (2009)
Heidi Nelson, Heartland Health Outreach (2010)
Lee Francis, M.D., Erie Family Health Center, Inc. (2011)
No award recipient in 2012

GEORGE M. O'NEILL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Len Sharber, Circle Family Care (2000)
Robert Klutts, Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation, Inc. (2001)
Virgil Tolbert, Christian Community Health Center (2002)
Alice Sartore, Ph.D., Will County Community Health Center (2003)
Wendy Cox, Chicago Family Health Center (2004)
Kim Mitroka, Christopher Rural Health Planning Corporation (2005)
Bruce Miller, Lawndale Christian Health Center (2006)
Dwayne Mitchell, Chicago Family Health Center (2007)
Irene Pierce, RN, Lake County Health Department/CHC (2008)
Dora Garcia, Alivio Medical Center (2009)
Forrest Olson, Central Counties Health Centers, Inc. (2010)
Paul Luning, M.D., PCC Community Wellness Center (2011)
Robert Urso, PCC Community Wellness Center (2012)

RAMONA LOPEZ COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER EMPLOYEE AWARD

Nancy Muzzarelli, Shawnee Health Service (2000)
Sheryl Young, Henderson County Rural Health Center, Inc. (2001)
Maria Valderrama, Near North Health Service Corporation (2002)
Cecilia Morales, Chicago Health Outreach (2003)
Amy Rodriguez, Chicago Family Health Center (2004)
Sister June Anselme, RSM, Mercy Family Health Center (2005)
Catherine Anderson, Henderson County Rural Health Center, Inc. (2006)
Dale Fiedler, Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation, Inc. (2007)
Wahabi Tijani, Near North Health Service Corporation (2008)
Steven Beatty, M.D., Rural Health, Inc. (2009)
Sandra Latham, RN, Community Health Partnership of Illinois (2010)
Deborah Killingsworth, M.D., Christian Community Health Center (2011)
Nancy Serrata, Erie Family Health Center, Inc. (2012)

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CLINICIAN DEVOTION AWARD

Wilfredo Vega, M.D., Christopher Rural Health Planning Corporation (2000)
Mark Loafman, M.D., PCC Community Wellness Center (2001)
Cindy Lohrentz, Beloit Area Community Health Center (2002)
Ghassan Souri, D.D.S., Infant Welfare Society of Chicago (2003)
Lee Francis, M.D., Erie Family Health Center, Inc. (2004)
Theodore Ross, M.D., Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation, Inc. (2005)
Leela Jain, M.D., Near North Health Service Corporation (2006)
Carl Toren, M.D., Chicago Family Health Center (2007)
Timothy Long, M.D., Near North Health Service Corporation (2008)
Earl Fredrick, Jr., M.D., Christian Community Health Center (2009)
Gregg Stoner, M.D., Heartland Community Health Clinic (2010)
Janet Robinson, M.D., Shawnee Health Service (2011)
Bonnie Summers, CPNP, Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation (2012)

CONSUMER BOARD DEDICATION AWARD

Bill Moorehead, Near North Health Service Corporation (2000)
Lupe Valadez, Chicago Family Health Center (2001)
Eula Crawford, Lake County Health Department/CHC (2001)
William Wesender, Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center, Inc. (2002)
Frank DeBose, PCC Community Wellness Center (2003)
Elmer Brandhorst, Shawnee Health Service (2004)
Martin Paulson, Lake County Health Department/CHC (2005)
Bobby Hall, Central Counties Health Centers, Inc. (2006)
Robert Kamphuis, Family Christian Health Center (2007)
Clarence Burch, Near North Health Service Corporation (2008)
Ethel Manager, Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation, Inc. (2009)
Fred Bierer, R.Ph., Shawnee Health Service (2010)
Walter Hunter, Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation, Inc. (2011)
Julie Janssen, Central Counties Health Centers, Inc. (2012)
Barbara Diggins, PCC Community Wellness Center (2012)
Reverend Sarden, Erie Family Health Center, Inc. (2012)

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DANNY K. DAVIS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

U.S. Congressman Danny K. Davis is truly the champion of the community health center movement. This is IPHCA's most prestigious award, and candidates must have rendered outstanding service to the community health center movement for at least 10 years. The recipient of the Danny K. Davis Award is dedicated, selfless and inspiring as a leader in his or her community.

LINNEA WINDEL, RN

VNA Health Care



Linnea Windel is president and chief executive officer of VNA Health Care (VNA) in Aurora, Illinois. As the CEO of a not-for-profit community health organization providing primary health care, home health, hospice and community wellness services, Linnea is responsible for all clinical, financial, administrative and health information technology operations serving over 50,000 patients with 380

employees. She established the first Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) based in Aurora and transformed the organization into a regional, diversified community health care network serving residents of a multi-county area of suburban Chicago.

Linnea, a Registered Nurse, has nearly 30 years of health care and leadership experience. Prior to becoming President & CEO in 1999, she served the organization as the chief operating officer and developed new services including a home visiting program for new parents, home infusion therapy, and the first Medicare-certified Hospice program based in Aurora to provide in-home, holistic, end of life care.

Linnea earned her Master's in Nursing from Aurora University and a Bachelor's in Nursing from Illinois Wesleyan University. She was one of only 20 nurse leaders selected nationally in 2008 for the prestigious three-year Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellows Program, designed to prepare nurse executives to help lead and shape the U.S. health care system. In addition to her current role, she currently serves on several boards, including the national Visiting Nurse Associations of America board that supports, promotes and advances non-profit providers of home and community-based health care, hospice and health promotion services.

CONSUMER BOARD DEDICATION AWARD

The Consumer Board Dedication Award is presented to a CHC consumer board representative who exemplifies a high level of interest in, and dedication to, the delivery of primary health care services and the communities in which these services are provided.

CELESTE CASTILLO

Erie Family Health Center, Inc.



Celeste Castillo was teaching in Guatemala when she came to the United States for a year to learn English. One year turned into almost 40, as Ms. Castillo fell in love with the peaceful feeling she experienced in the U.S. and decided to stay. For the past 37 years, she has worked as a teacher and a nanny, committing her time and talents to not only raising her own two children, but educating and caring for many others. For her, being a nanny is much more than just a job and the families she

works for recognize her dedication, often continuing to employ her for several years and including her in key family events and activities.

Unfortunately, while she sometimes worked more than 50 hours per week when she was getting started, Celeste still did not have access to health care coverage. In fact, the cost to purchase health insurance alone would have consumed her whole salary. She did not finish paying for her son's birth until he was three years old! When she became pregnant with her daughter, she needed help and found Erie Family Health Center. Ms. Castillo has been a patient and Erie advocate ever since. Today, Celeste serves on Erie's Board Development Committee, where she has played an integral role in recruiting new members, planning bus tours of Erie's growing number of sites, assuring that all Board members have a buddy to support them and planning activities to enrich Board members' experience.

Most recently, however, Celeste's advocacy attracted a different kind of attention. In February 2013, Ms. Castillo spoke of her experiences at Erie and her excitement about the Affordable Care Act in front of Governor Pat Quinn and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. Her genuine enthusiasm and gratitude affected Governor Quinn so much that he invited her to attend President Obama's upcoming speech in Chicago and sit at the very front of the audience. There, she was able to personally thank the President for his efforts on behalf of herself and everyone who does not have health insurance. She takes tremendous pride in this experience, the relationships she has nurtured at Erie and most of all, her two children.

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CLINICIAN

DEVOTION AWARD

Quality providers are the backbone of any community health center. Every day they must continually balance the pressures of caring for the many in need, while assuring that each individual is treated with respect and provided excellent care that is accessible, community-directed, and culturally competent. This award recognizes a special individual who faces this challenge every day in an effort to reduce the barriers that exist to health care in his or her community.

THOMAS HUGGETT, M.D.

Circle Family HealthCare Network



Dr. Huggett, interim medical director for Circle Family HealthCare in Chicago, works with a team of health care providers to ensure the provision of a full spectrum of quality health care. Working at Circle since 1995, Dr. Huggett is a physician who realizes the importance of implementing community-based and clinical interventions to improve the community's health.

Along with seeing patients in the office and hospital,

Dr. Huggett works as Mobile Health Team Coordinator, providing primary medical and mental health care as well as social service and behavioral health support to patients in 20 homeless shelters on Chicago's West Side. An advocate for AIDS prevention and health education, he also provides clinical care to large panel of HIV patients and has been instrumental in implementing educational and prevention projects in areas such as adolescent violence prevention, smoking cessation and on-site HIV testing in homeless shelters. He received several awards for his work with the homeless.

Dr. Huggett serves as an Adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor at the School of Public Health at the University of Illinois at Chicago, which is another great public health resource for collaboration for the community, as he teaches medical students and residents. He is well known in Chicago's West Side communities and has been a resident himself in the Austin community since 2003. Dr. Huggett earned his Bachelor's with Distinction in Biochemistry from the University of Wisconsin; Doctor of Medicine from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine; and Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health.

The theme of Dr. Huggett's work has been providing health care himself while working on community-based public health initiatives to improve the health of residents of underserved communities.

GEORGE M. O'NEILL LEADERSHIP AWARD

As one of the founders of the Illinois Primary Health Care Association, George O'Neill's leadership and vision have paved the way for the Association as a strong advocating body that links health centers across the state. His active involvement on the county, state and national levels has set the standard for future leaders. The recipients of the George M. O'Neill Leadership Award are visionaries who empower and inspire their employees every day.

GORDON EGGERS, JR. PA-C

Crusader Community Health



Gordon Eggers, Jr. has been president and chief executive officer of Crusader Community Health since 2005. Eggers joined Crusader in 1987 as a Physician Assistant (PA) (the first in Rockford). In 1998, he was promoted to the executive management team as vice president of health providers.

During his tenure at Crusader, Gordon has established multiple innovative programs and implemented numerous major initiatives to improve the major and

effectiveness of patient care. As CEO, Eggers helped introduce a new system for evaluating performance. By holding staff to operational, financial and clinical standards, he has overseen the modernization of Crusader. Eggers also worked with staff to develop "The Crusader Way," to maximize patient staff relations.

In 1977, just after graduating from the Baylor College of Medicine PA Program in Houston, Eggers moved to rural, Colorado, to provide medical care at a satellite clinic. He has also done extensive sabbaticals in Sudan, Papua New Guinea, Zaire, the Samoan Islands and Kazakhstan.

Eggers received the American Academy of Physician Assistants Paragon Award for Service to the Underserved Award, and the Distinguished Alumnus Award by the Baylor College of Medicine.

Crusader Community Health was established in 1972 with the mission of serving the Rock River Valley area with quality, primary health care for people in need. Crusader operates four clinics, employs 280 staff and has a budget that totals \$33 million. Crusader provides care to 48,000 patients, 21,000 of whom are children, while delivering over 1,200 babies. Additionally, Crusader provided care to 12,000 dental patients and overall has 205,668 visit in 2012.

RAMONA LOPEZ COMMUNITY HEALTH

CENTER EMPLOYEE AWARD

In these days of increased mobility and job-hopping, it is highly unusual to find a person who has committed their entire career to one organization and its mission. For this reason, IPHCA proudly recognizes Ramona Lopez who dedicated her 22-year career to furthering the mission of Chicago Family Health Center before retiring in 2000. Beginning as a family nurse practitioner and working her way up the ranks of clinic manager, assistant director, and finally, executive director, Ramona fought to assure that quality health care be a right, not a privilege, regardless of an individual's ability to pay.

GLORIA RIVERA, LPN

Community Health Partnership of Illinois



Gloria Rivera started working with Community Health Partnership (CHP) of Illinois in March 1997 as a community health worker/CNA. While raising a family and working for CHP, Gloria completed her LPN program and was promoted to the position of staff nurse in 1999. During this time, Gloria became certified as an HIV educator and testing counselor through the American Red Cross and Midwest Aids Training & Education Center (MATEC)/

Illinois Department of Public Health. In 2002, Gloria answered the call and was again promoted to serve as clinic director/staff nurse of CHP's Aurora Migrant Health Clinic. Gloria also volunteers as a board member for the Del Valle Migrant Head Start Center in Oswego, Illinois. Ms. Rivera is also an active participant in local health department programs.

She is a very passionate, caring nurse who is dedicated to making sure CHP's patients are well taken care of during their visit. In her spare time, Gloria enjoys traveling and seeing movies with her husband and three daughters. Gloria states, "I can proudly say working at Community Health Partnership of Illinois for the last 16+ years has brought me many years of experience, growth and a second family."

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KAROLE LAKOTA-TREESE, M.D.

PCC Community Wellness Center



Dr. Karole Lakota-Treese is a Family Physician and the medical director of performance improvement for PCC Community Wellness Center. She is responsible for the implementation and management of performance improvement initiatives across the PCC network, which currently consists of West Suburban Hospital, 10 clinics, 50 providers and over 100

clinical staff. The purpose of these initiatives is to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of patient care services provided by PCC providers and staff and improve overall clinic and network operations. Prior to her current position, Dr. Lakota was the site medical director for PCC's largest site. Dr. Lakota also serves on the West Suburban Family Medicine Residency Program faculty.

Dr. Lakota is a graduate of PCC's Maternal Child Health Fellowship Program at West Suburban as well as the Family Medicine Residency Program. As a fellow, she developed and implemented the PCC's Lead Case Management and Tracking Program and still directs the program today. She received her medical degree from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. Her undergraduate education was completed at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. Karole is married and is the mother of three beautiful daughters.