

Rural Health Impact Awards 2002-2007

Outstanding Rural Economic & Community Development Award is presented to a program, project or organization that successfully attracts, retains or creates jobs in at least one rural county. Award criteria: Significance of jobs attracted, retained or created in relation to a community's economic development objectives; noteworthy, creative, or innovative techniques brought to bear on challenging economic development situations; and the use of partnerships for leveraged resources in achieving business development goals; substantially improves the quality of life in at least one rural community. Award criteria: dedication and creativity in providing community-oriented service(s), evidence of collaboration with relevant stakeholders to resolve social problem(s), and the use of partnerships or leveraged resources to realize community-achievement goals.

Outstanding Legislator Award is presented for outstanding leadership in promoting legislation to benefit rural communities. Award criteria: demonstrated wisdom and foresight in dealing with rural issues; and an understanding of and exemplary leadership in addressing rural needs.

Outstanding Rural Health Program Award is presented for promoting and providing effective community-oriented rural health care delivery and excels in service to rural people, directly or indirectly. Award criteria: quality of service, dedication and creativity in providing services to the community that leads to improved access to care, coordination of care, promotion of networking among rural providers, and promotion of interdisciplinary health care delivery.

Outstanding Rural Health Achievement Award: For leadership and noteworthy initiative in the development of community-oriented rural health care delivery. Award criteria: distinctive efforts to promote and/or improve rural health care, leadership, involvement in the community, and lasting contributions to health care.

Outstanding Rural Health Practitioner Award: For providing direct service and exhibiting outstanding leadership in bringing and/or improving health services to rural populations. Award criteria: provision of outstanding care, collaboration and teamwork, involvement in the community, and lasting contribution to the rural health care system.

Outstanding Rural Volunteer Award: For leadership, dedication, and noteworthy volunteer achievement beyond the call of one's professional duties. Award criteria: distinctive volunteer efforts and positive contributions impacting one or more aspects of rural community development or the quality of rural life

Outstanding Rural Economic Development Award:

2002- Frederick County Office of Economic Development

2003- The Tri-County Council for Western Maryland

2004- Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board

2005- The Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission

2006- The Garrett County Board of Commissioners Scholarship Program

2007- Charlie Ross, President/CEO, Garrett County Chamber of Commerce

Outstanding Community Development Award:

- 2002- Lexington Park Library – St. Mary’s County Memorial Library System
- 2003- The Maryland Rural Development Corporation
- 2004- Garrett County Chamber of Commerce
- 2005- Eastern Shore Land Conservancy
- 2006- The Somerset County Whales Tales program & Garrett County Chamber of Commerce Living History Program
- 2007- Judy Linn, Director, Kent Family Center

Outstanding Legislator Award:

- 2002- Louise V. Snodgrass (Frederick County)
- 2003- Delegate Adelaide “Addie” Eckardt (Legislative District 37, Mid Eastern Shore)
- 2004- Delegate Rudolph C. Cane & Senator Donald F. Munson
- 2005- Delegate Robert McKee, from District 2A in Washington County & Delegate David Rudolph, from District 34B in Cecil County
- 2006- Senator E.J. Pipkin, who represents Caroline, Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne’s Counties
- 2010- Senator Paul Pinsky and Members of the Senate that Sponsored 2009 SB 602 (Dental Hygienist Scope of Practice Expansion)

Outstanding Rural Health Program Award:

- 2002- Eastern Shore Oral Health Outreach Program
- 2003- Health U of Delmarva
- 2004- Twin Beaches Community Health Center
- 2005- Garrett County Health Department Dental Care Program
- 2006- The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County
- 2007- St. Mary’s County Health Department’s Medical Transportation Program
- 2010- Worcester County Health Department Environmental Health Program

Outstanding Rural Health Achievement Award:

- 2002- Garrett County Cancer Prevention, Education, Screening, and Treatment Program
- 2003- The Garrett County Health Department’s Community Health Education and Outreach Program
- 2004- William R. Kirk, Jr., President & CEO, Chester River Hospital Center
- 2005- Wicomico County State’s Attorney’s Office for the Wicomico EXILE Program
- 2006- Claudia R. Baquet, M.D., Associate Dean, Office of Policy and Planning, University of Maryland School of Medicine
- 2007- Rodney Glotfelty, Garrett County Health Officer
- 2010 - G. Charlene Marcum and Frank Caramanica (Volunteers from Eastern Shore MedBee)

Outstanding Rural Health Practitioner Award:

- 2002- Andrea M. Allen, M.D.
- 2003- Dr. Scott Wolpin, D.D.S.
- 2004- Maureen Donovan, RN, MA, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- 2005- Michael A. Stevens, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Allegany County
- 2006- Dr. Robert McDonald
- 2007- Dr. Matthew Hahn, medical director of the Tri-State Community Health Center
- 2010 – Dr. Marc DiNola, Dentist, Allegany Health Right

Outstanding Rural Volunteer Award:

2003- Robert "Bobby" Hutchison

2004- John Bennett

2005- Annie Kronk, Ph.D.

2006- John W. Lee Jr., a veterinarian from Rising Sun & George "Lanny" McClary

2007- Miles Circo