



Alameda County Mental Health Board



Date: April 29, 2016
To: All Community-Based Mental Health Providers, Family Members, Consumers, and Interested Parties
From: Sarah Linder, Administrative Liaison, Alameda County Mental Health Board
Subject: Nominations for ACMHB 2016 Community Service Awards

The Alameda County Mental Health Board (ACMHB) is seeking nominees for its 2016 Community Service Awards. A nomination form is attached. Community Service Awards are made to individuals, professionals, businesses, and media for those who have made an extraordinary difference in the lives of those people with mental illness. Recognition is given for mental health education of the general public, elimination of stigma, preventing or fighting housing discrimination, creation of new and innovative programs, recognition of fundraising for mental health activities, recognition of long-term financial support to mental health programs, provision of community support activities emphasizing mental health, facilitating others through advocacy or intervention, or working for new mental health legislation. Our intent is to award members of our community who are serving people with mental illness and improving the quality of their lives.

Awards will be presented to awardees at the Annual ACMHB Community Service Awards on Thursday, June 16, 2016.

Nomination deadline extended! Tuesday, May 31, 2016, 5pm

Please scan and email nomination forms to Sarah Linder, slinder@acbhcs.org; or mail to the ACMHB Awards Committee, Attn: Sarah Linder, Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS), 2000 Embarcadero Cove, Suite 400, Oakland, CA 94606; or by fax, (510) 567-8180

Awards Categories are:

- Business:** An individual, group of individuals or company operating as for-profit (e.g. an attorney, physician or landlord), who is not a mental health contractor and has provided extraordinary services through any of the above-described activities.
- Child/Adolescent:** An individual, group or organization that has contributed, enhanced and expanded children's mental health and alcohol and drug services to infants, children and youth in Alameda County.
- Consumer:** An individual who has received mental health services and who has helped to improve the provision of mental health services through any of the above-described activities.
- Cultural Responsiveness:** An individual or agency who has performed outstanding work in the area of promoting or embracing utilization of culturally responsive, community-defined approaches to more effective work with the ethnic or cultural communities they serve or support.
- Family:** An individual who has a family member who receives mental health services and who has helped to improve the provision of mental health services through any of the above-described activities.
- Faith-Based:** A faith-based organization that has provided extraordinary services through any of the above-described activities.
- Media:** An individual, group or organization, who through the media has informed the public in a positive way of the issues of mental illness through any of the above-described activities.
- Professional:** A mental health professional or organization taking that extra step in providing mental health services and going beyond their job description.
- Volunteer:** An individual not fiscally compensated for their work and achieving any of the above-described activities.
- Promising Innovative Program:** Program nominated should exemplify innovation in any of the following areas: new approaches to treatment modalities, serving transformative or under-served communities in different ways, and/or program development indicating new measurable indicators of success (this award is not limited to Innovation Grant recipients).

Additional Award Criteria:

1. Nominations are preferred for recent activity, but may recognize long-term activity or service.
2. Awards are for Alameda County residents, or for nominees who have provided activities or services which benefit persons with mental illness in Alameda County.

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2016 ALAMEDA COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH BOARD COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS **Tuesday, May 31, 2016, 5pm.** PLEASE RETURN IN ONE OF THREE WAYS:

- 1) Scan and email this form to Sarah Linder, slinder@acbhcs.org ; OR
- 2) Mail this form to Sarah Linder, MHB Administrative Liaison, Behavioral Health Care Services, 2000 Embacadero Cove, Suite 400, Oakland, CA, 94606; OR
- 3) Fax to Sarah Linder, (510) 567-8180

I NOMINATE _____ (NAME) FOR THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORY:

BUSINESS _____ CHILD/ADOLESCENT _____ CONSUMER _____ CULTURAL RESPONSIVENESS _____
FAMILY _____ FAITH-BASED _____ MEDIA _____ PROFESSIONAL _____ VOLUNTEER _____
PROMISING INNOVATIVE PROGRAM _____

I BELIEVE THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION SHOULD RECEIVE AN AWARD:
(GIVE BRIEF SUMMARY)

NOMINEE: NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

NOMINATED BY: NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS NOMINEE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

NAME: _____	NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____	ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____	PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____	EMAIL: _____

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Linder (510) 567-8107, MHB Administrative Liaison, or by email slinder@acbhcs.org .

Final Selections will be made by the Mental Health Board, who will review the qualifications of the nominees.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!