2021

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR

APHA MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH SECTION AWARDS

Each year the Maternal and Child Health Section recognizes leaders in the maternal and child health field at the APHA Annual Meeting. These awards are in addition to APHA-sponsored awards such as the Martha May Eliot Award.

This year, the MCH Section is seeking nominations for the awards listed below; **Nominations for these awards will be accepted until August 15, 2021. The awards descriptions, criteria, and instructions for submission are as follows:**

Must be a current APHA member. Except for the Outstanding Leadership/Advocacy Award, one must also be a current MCH Section member. While we anticipate that there will be a live awards ceremony during the Martha May Eliot luncheon, it will be fine for the awardee to participate remotely.

#### *Awards Description*

1. **The Young Professional Award** recognizes a young professional who is 40 years of age or younger and a member of the MCH Section who has made a significant contribution to the field of maternal and child health. This contribution can be through a specific, particularly creative endeavor or outstanding achievement over several years in the areas of public health practice, management, advocacy, clinical care, community service, education, or research. The applicant's potential for making a sustained and meaningful impact on the field and future service to the Section is also important.
2. **The Effective Practice Award** recognizes a section member whose work has made a significant contribution to effective public health practice in MCH at the community, state, tribal, national, or global levels. This award's criteria include 1) significance of work, 2) contribution to public health practice in MCH, and 3) the level of impact on the intended population.
3. **The Outstanding Leadership/Advocacy Award** recognizes an APHA member who is an MCH leader serving at a local, state or national level and has made significant contributions to the field by creating the political will to improve mothers and children's health. The criteria for this award include: 1) significant contribution to an increase in political will at local, state or national level for improving MCH services or programs, including the provision of resources such as local, state or national budgeting for MCH, 2) contribution to public health practice in MCH, and 3) impact on the MCH population.

1. **The MCH Section Distinguished Service Award** recognizes the outstanding contribution of an MCH Section member for their dedication and exemplary efforts to the work of the MCH Section and APHA.

#### *The awards consist of a plaque to be presented at the Martha May Eliot luncheon event on October 24 from 12:30-2 pm Mountain Time) and one day's registration to the*

#### *APHA (In-person or virtual) Annual Meeting and Exposition*

#### *Criteria*

Eligible candidates include MCH professionals in the private and public sectors at the local, state, tribal, national, or global levels. Achievement, as indicated by high quality and originality of contributions rather than longevity, should be emphasized. Criteria for each of the awards are included in the description of the awards above.

#### *Nomination Process*

1. Nomination on the official form (see below).
2. Nominator statement describing the most important achievements of the nominee and

 explaining why the nominee meets the criteria for the award.

1. One to three additional supporting letters, each signed by its author or authors. Emailed letters must contain an electronic signature.
2. A current curriculum vitae or a detailed resume of the nominee.

Nominations should **not** be sent in notebooks, binders or folders. Incomplete nominations will be returned to the nominator for correction and resubmission before the deadline. Nominations submitted via email must be received by the deadline date. Please direct questions about the process to

**Submit the nominations via email to the Past Section Chair,**

**Whitney P. Witt, PhD, MPH**

**(at:** [**whitney.witt@lehigh.edu**](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cwpw219%5CDropbox%20%28Personal%29%5CMCH%20APHA%20Leadership%20Group%20%28Lehigh%20Internal%29%5CAWARDS%202021%5Cwhitney.witt%40lehigh.edu)**)**

 **and an email confirming the receipt of the nomination will be sent.**

#### *Selection Process*

1. The MCH Awards Committee will review all nominations and select the award winners. The Awards Committee may choose to give no award or more than one award in a category based on the review of the nominations.
2. Nominees for the Distinguished Service Award will be reviewed by the present MCH Section Chair and the Section Leadership.
3. Public announcement of the award winner will be published in the MCH Section Newsletter and *The Nation's Health*.

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| Nomination Submission Deadline: August 15, 2021Maternal Child Health Section Awards CommitteeAmina AlioJermane BondJessie HoodWhitney Perkins Witt |

# Nomination Form

# 2021 Maternal and Child Health Awards

**(*Please print or type*)**

Criteria and Awards Description presented in the above statement

# NOMINEE INFORMATION

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| Full Name |
| Award Intended |
| Degree(s)  |
| Title  |
| Organization |
| Mailing Address |
| City State Zip Code |
| Telephone Number Fax Number |
| Email |

# NOMINATOR INFORMATION

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| --- |
| Full Name |
| Title |
| Organization |
| Mailing Address |
| City State Zip Code |
| Telephone Number Fax Number  |
| Email |
| **Signature**  **Date** |

**Nominator Statement**

**The statement does NOT need to be limited to one page.**

Describe below in detail the current creative work, distinguished achievements, or distinguished service which make this nominee worthy of the award, bearing in mind the description:

Position(s) (title and dates) held during the performance of work for which nomination is suggested:

Material relevant to achievements on which nominations are based (e.g., article, product):

Other honors and awards: