

HealthReach Community Health Centers



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Leadership Award Presented to HealthReach Community Health Centers

WATERVILLE – At the Annual Maine Quality Counts Conference on April 6th, HealthReach Community Health Centers was recognized with the 2016 Quality Improvement Leadership Award. The recognition is presented annually to highlight outstanding efforts and to distinguish leaders who are dedicated to advancing healthcare quality for the people of Maine.

Dr. Barbara Crowley of Maine Quality Counts, Board of Directors presented the award to Constance Coggins, President and CEO and Dr. Forrest West, Medical Director of HealthReach and provider at Lovejoy Health Center in Albion for 38 years. In addition, Nona Boyink, Senior Vice President of MaineGeneral Health was acknowledged for her instrumental long-term contributions to HealthReach and the community health center movement.



“It is important for a health organization to find new and innovative ways to deliver more comprehensive care to patients,” said Dr. Forrest West. “HealthReach is dedicated to this approach to health and wellness.”

“The high quality, whole person care we offer our patients is made possible by the work and dedication of each and every employee at HealthReach,” shared Carolyn Tranten, Director of Team Development and Operations.

The presentation took place at the Quality Counts 2016 Conference in the Augusta Civic Center. This year’s theme was ‘Taking it to the Streets: Building Clinical and Community Connections.’

HealthReach Community Health Centers is a system of eleven federally qualified health centers in Central and Western Maine. Dedicated providers deliver high quality health care to citizens in over 80 rural communities. To ensure access for everyone, HealthReach accepts Medicare, MaineCare and major insurances. In addition, we offer an Affordable Care Program to uninsured and underinsured residents and assist with applications for other programs that help with the cost of health care and medications including the Health Insurance Marketplace. A private, non-profit with a 41-year history, HealthReach is funded by patient fees, grants and individual donations.

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Pictured (l-r): Nona Boyink, Dr. Forrest West, Constance Coggins and Dr. Barbara Crowley

