



Center for Behavioral Health VERONICA LENARD AWARD

PURPOSE

The Veronica Lenard Award is given annually to recognize outstanding clinical accomplishment by a CBH clinical staff person. The award was established in recognition of the exceptional career of a retiring clinician, Veronica Lenard, MSW, ACSW, in Fall 2003. Veronica Lenard joined the staff of this small but growing Community Mental Health Center in August 1974 to work primarily on the psychiatric inpatient unit located at Bloomington Hospital. She later transferred to the Outpatient Service where she spent the balance of her illustrious career with the Center before retiring in August 2003. She was named Social Worker of the year in 1995 and served on the Board of the Community Service Council. She trained and mentored countless young professionals and provided consultation and supervision to seasoned clinicians. Ms. Lenard was universally known and respected both at the Center and in the broader community for her dedication to client welfare, community service and respect for the individual. As a clinician, she remained dedicated to the principle of helping each individual reach their maximum potential and constantly toiled to ensure that the community at large played its role in working toward that goal. In order to bring attention to similar assets in current CBH clinical staff, the award was established and is given at the end of each fiscal year.

CRITERIA

Evidence of the following attributes in a clinical staff person's work qualify them for consideration for the Veronica Lenard Award:

- Client advocacy
- Strengths-based approach to working with clients
- Flexibility, adaptability and availability in working with clients
- Creativity; ability to be innovative solution-focused
- Demonstrated understanding of the effects of poverty on mental health problems
- Clinical effectiveness when intervening with high-needs clients
- Community collaboration to improve systems of care
- "Going the extra mile" in client care

APPLICATION PROCESS

CBH staff, clients, referral sources, or other community agencies are invited to submit the following brief nomination form, specifying the ways in which the CBH staff person reflects all or some of the award criteria. There are no degree, position, or status (full or part-time, permanent or temporary) requirements for the award, though the staff person must be employed by CBH at the time of the award. Nominations may be submitted by completing the attached form and sending it to: Cherlyn Crees, Center for Behavioral Health, 645 S. Rogers Street, Bloomington, IN 47403 by 5:00 p.m., June 30, 2006.

JUDGING

The applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of CBH management and front-line staff. In the future, the committee will include past recipients of the award when ever possible. Winners will be announced at the CBH July All-Staff meeting, after which a press release will be made.

AWARD/PRIZE

The winner of the Veronica Lenard award will receive \$1,000 and a plaque recognizing them for their outstanding clinical accomplishment.

CONTACT/INFORMATION:

For more information, please contact: Cherlyn Crees, (812) 337-2302; ccrees@the-center.org.



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Name of CBH Staff Nominee:

Position: _____

CBH Department: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please tell us how the CBH staff person you are nominating reflects the criteria described in this application. Please do not exceed 750 words.