

# 2016 NOSORH Awards

## **NOSORH Values Recognition Award: Jody Ward (ND) & Melissa VanDyne (MO)**

The NOSORH Values Recognition Award recognizes any individual or group, including SORH leaders or others, who have demonstrated commitment to NOSORH's values including: health equity for rural Americans, collaboration, trust in SORH capacity to make a difference, inclusiveness and accountability. Recipients of this award apply forward thinking and lead efforts to envision and implement rural reforms, including initiatives in telehealth, population health, quality improvement, alternative payment methodologies, policy and program changes, research or other areas which inform the work of SORH to improve rural health.

## **Emerging Leader Award: Crystal Barter (MI)**

The Emerging Leader Award is presented to an individual SORH staff member who has demonstrated new leadership, initiative, involvement and commitment to the mission of NOSORH or State Offices of Rural Health. This individual may be a new staff member or an existing staff member who has newly demonstrated exemplary communication, passion, or understanding of an issue to enhance education, advocacy or partnerships to improve rural health.

## **NOSORH Distinguished Service Award: Penny Black (WI)**

The NOSORH Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to NOSORH, is a member of the organization, and is actively involved in a State Office of Rural Health.

## **The James D. Bernstein Mentoring Award: Alisa Druzba (NH)**

The James D. Bernstein Mentoring Award honors an experienced, long-time rural health individual leader who is a member of NOSORH, is actively involved in a State Office of Rural Health, has sincere interest in emerging leaders' professional growth, and has played a key role in developing future leaders within the national rural health movement.

## **The Distinguished Andrew W. Nichols Rural Health Advocate Award: Harvey Licht**

The Distinguished Andrew W. Nichols Rural Health Advocate Award recognizes an individual who is a member of NOSORH, the National Rural Health Association, the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, and/or another national organization, and who has made significant contributions to rural, frontier or border health, has demonstrated deep commitment to social justice and improvement for the health of underserved populations.

## **NOSORH SORH Award of Excellence: Virginia State Office of Rural Health**

The NOSORH SORH Award of Excellence is presented to a State Office of Rural Health that has made an outstanding contribution in the field of rural health. The Awards Committee considers broad benefits to rural health, innovative programs, unusual contributions, or activities that have advanced State Offices of Rural Health.