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Thank you for submitting a nomination for Mark Borer, MD, DFAPA, DFAACAP.

Overview

Thank you for your 2021 Community Star Nomination. Here is a copy of the nomination for your records. If you have any questions, please reach out to NRHD Community Star Project Coordinator, Brea Corsaro at bcorsaro@powerofrural.org.

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Community Star Nominee: (Individual)

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Which best describes the organization your nominee is associated with?

Rural Health Stakeholder

Please describe your connection to the individual or organization you are nominating.

As the State Rural Health Association, we have called upon Dr. Borer countless times to explain, present, describe various rural health children's health issues and their impact and presence in the rural clinical and community setting.

Please explain the individual's or organization's connection to or interaction with their State Office of Rural Health.

The State Office of Rural Health is active within our SRHA. The SORH also sponsors the SRHA annual conference. Dr. Alarcon indirectly works with the SORH through his interaction with the SRHA.

The Community Star Recognition Program is designed to honor those whose contributions are making a difference in rural through collaboration, education, innovation, and communication. What do you believe to be your nominee's "star" qualities? Provide examples of how your nominee demonstrates these qualities in their work and service.

Mark Borer is a tireless and passionate leader for expanding access to mental health care for children- particularly those in underserved southern Delaware. Dr Borer of his own volition has researched, developed, and presented protocols for primary care peer consultation and case review, spurred policy change within State agencies, held leadership positions at local and national medical associations, and more. His untold efforts date

back to the 1990s when his observations of need in the private clinical setting were so dramatic and he became a clear and respected voice on behalf of kids.

The 2021 Community Star Selection Committee will review and evaluate nominations, making recommendations for which stories to include in this year's book and other NRHD activities based on the following merits. Please review these and select all that apply to your nominee.

Cultivates a vital, innovative rural health landscape and infrastructure. ,
Develops leadership capacity to grow rural population health and health equity. ,
Contributes to rural health innovation, education, collaboration, and communication.

Describe in as much detail as possible, examples of your nominee's work and accomplishments that correspond with your selections to the question above.

We are nominating a total of three individual stars - who together form a constellation. These three individuals unwittingly were the initial catalyst that sparked a health system movement towards integrated behavioral health in the primary care setting, psychiatric consultation for youth and the latino population, and the use of telehealth to facilitate access to critically needed medical specialty services when those services were otherwise unavailable. Dr. Borer was the starting point in recognizing the intense needs of children and the absolute lack of workforce and medical specialty care to address said needs. He called upon statewide physician colleagues for professional planning, and health administrators to avail the systems, policy, and financing necessary to support the endeavor. He and Dr Alarcon, and Dr Capiro formed a critical triumvirate that has enabled health system and policy changes for long-term success.

I can confirm that the individual or organization is making a difference in rural

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through collaboration, education, innovation, and communication, and is located, working, or volunteering in a designated rural area.

Yes

I can confirm that I have notified the nominee of their nomination, and the nomination will be accepted.

Yes

How did you learn about the 2021 Community Star Recognition Program?

State Office of Rural Health
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