



August 10, 2021

Thank you for completing your organization's 2021 Community Star Nominee Questionnaire!

Overview

Here is a copy of your organization's responses for your records. All nominations will be reviewed and evaluated by members of NOSORH's Community Star Selection Committee. One Community Star will be selected per state. If you are selected as your state's Community Star, I will work with you to schedule an interview so that we can develop your outstanding story to share in our annual book of Community Stars released on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

If you have any questions, please reach out to NRHD Community Star Project Coordinator, Brea Corsaro at bcorsaro@powerofrural.org.

Your Organization's Information

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Organization or Project Website

<https://www.completecarenj.org/>

Please describe in as much detail as possible, the mission of the organization and the work it does in relation to rural health?

CompleteCare Health Network is a federally-qualified community health center serving over 62,000 patients annually. Our mission ensures that care for everyone in the community who needs healthcare services including those living in public housing, veterans, the homeless, school children, and migrant and seasonal farmworkers. All this occurs regardless of the patient's ability to pay for their care.

CompleteCare offers many health services, including primary medical, dental, mental health, women's health, podiatry, chiropractic care and more. Our services are especially valuable because we live in a medically underserved area and most of the patients we see lack access to these services elsewhere. South Jersey, specifically Cumberland County, where are large majority of our health centers are located is a very rural area. Farmland is abundant and resources are limited. A large number of migrant and seasonal farmworkers come to this area every spring and summer for work. Their health is often last on their list of concerns; however, CompleteCare works with the local farm owners to help make it a priority. Our teams visit the farms often providing health information, access to visits, and more. Additionally, during COVID our teams have made it a point to visit the farms regularly to ensure the workers have access to COVID testing, COVID education, and vaccines. Additionally, we provide on site flu shots for the workers.

If you have been nominated as a consortium, what was the catalyst that inspired the group to form?

Please provide details on each consortium member (if applicable) including each collaborator's organization and the nature of their work?

What is the impact of your organization/consortium on your community of the rural populations served by its efforts?

CompleteCare serves over 62,000 patients annually for over 281,000 visits. We serve a large number of agricultural workers and are one of the largest health centers providing this service in the state. CompleteCare provides services regardless of insurance status or ability to pay for care. We serve the undocumented as well. CompleteCare offers a variety of services, many of which would be inaccessible or unaffordable without our health centers.

Has your organization or consortium accessed, benefited from, or worked directly with your State Office of Rural Health?

CompleteCare has a great working relationship with the SORH. Our Vice President of Government and Community Relations Meghan Spinelli maintains contact with them and keeps them updated on our COVID work, including testing and vaccines. We have also worked on multiple projects together, including a video on the Zika virus, and the organization has funded CCHN on multiple occasions. Recently Meghan spoke at the organization's Rural Oral Health Conference.

Is your organization a HRSA, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Grantee? If yes, which grant program? If Yes, which one?

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Yes
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