

Community Health Center, Inc. Announced as a Recipient of the 2019 George E. Thibault, MD Nexus Award for Single-System Implementation



(Minneapolis, Minnesota) – (Friday, September 13, 2019)

Community Health Center, Inc. was awarded the 2019 George E. Thibault, MD Nexus Award in the category of Single-System Implementation on August 20, 2019. This award was presented by the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education at the University of Minnesota. The National Center is a unique public-private partnership charged by its funders to provide the leadership, evidence and resources needed to guide the nation on the use of interprofessional education and collaborative practice as a way to enhance the experience of health care, improve population health and reduce the overall cost of care.

Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC, Inc) received the 2019 Thibault Nexus Award at the “Nexus Summit 2019: Optimizing Interprofessional Clinical Learning Environments – Better Care, Better Value, Better Education” (<https://summit2019.nexusipe.org/>). This annual conference is a gathering of over 450 health professions educators, clinicians, policy makers, payers, students, and patients/families who are committed to advancing team-based care in the United States. Nicole Seagriff, APRN, DNP represented Community Health Center, Inc. to receive the award.

The George E. Thibault, MD Nexus Award celebrates exemplary interprofessional collaboration in the United States and those who are thinking and acting differently where practice and education connect in health systems. This award recognizes two Nexus partnerships of health systems, clinics, educational institutions, and/or community organizations for extraordinary contributions to the Nexus: *Redesigning both healthcare education and healthcare delivery simultaneously to be better integrated and more interprofessional while demonstrating outcomes.*

About the Community Health Center, Inc.

The Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC, Inc), est. 1972, was founded in a 2nd floor walk-up apartment with a single dental chair by young community activists committed to making the banner “health care is a right, not a privilege” a living, tangible reality for all people and especially, those most in need of healthcare. Today, CHC, Inc cares for 100,000 patients from 16 hub primary care site across Connecticut and nearly 200 service delivery locations, primarily in schools, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, and on migrant farms. CHC, Inc submitted their application for the Nexus Summit Award in the single-system, local implementation program category, but believes their work has had and will increasingly have national impact.

CHC, Inc received the Nexus Award in recognition of their two highly integrated, CHC, Inc - developed and sponsored residency programs; the postgraduate Nurse Practitioner (NP) Residency Training Program and postdoctoral Clinical Psychology Residency Training Program. By developing these

programs, they have also transformed the entire CHC, Inc organization into an exemplar of interprofessional practice, teaching, and training.

“The Journey to a highly intentional interprofessional practice has been rich, challenging, and meaningful. We appreciate the recognition of both our efforts and successes—more to come!” says Margaret Flinter, Senior Vice President and Clinical Director of CHC, Inc.

For more information on the Thibault Nexus Award, please visit <https://summit2019.nexusipe.org/program/nexus-awards>.