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Clinton County Health Department Honored for Excellence in Public Health

Local Health Department Program is One of 36 Nationwide to Receive NACCHO’s “Promising Practice Award” in 2020

Plattsburgh (July 27, 2020)- The Clinton County Health Department (CCHD) was recently honored with the 2020 Promising Practice Award by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). The award celebrates local health departments for developing programs that demonstrate exciting approaches and strategies to local public health issues that are on track to becoming Model Practices, NACCHO’s highest recognition for replicable and exemplary programs. The Leading Local Health Care Transformation: A Collective Impact Initiative was one of 36 local health department programs to receive NACCHO’s Promising Practice Award.

The submitted practice partnered the CCHD with the Adirondacks Accountable Care Organization (ACO) to work collaboratively with local primary care providers on practice level quality improvement projects and a coordinated community-based patient education campaign. The project aimed to improve practice performance while simultaneously increasing patient awareness and the practice of preventive health behaviors.

“Public health sometimes struggles to identify how to best help the community acclimate to health care system changes, but helping care providers meet health system performance goals for quality of care makes a lot of sense,” stated Mandy Snay, Director of Health Planning and Promotion at CCHD. “In this case, we were able to use our skills in facilitating systems changes and for disseminating health messages to help the Adirondacks ACO, local provider offices, and patients.”

Promising Practices are exciting approaches and strategies to local public health issues that are on track to being designated as a NACCHO Model Practice. Model Practices are awarded to local health departments across the country for implementing programs that demonstrate exemplary and replicable outcomes in response to an identified public health need. “This award is evidence of our commitment to developing responsive and innovative public health programs that improve the health of local residents,” Ms. Snay noted.

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Leading Local Health Care Transformation: A Collective Impact Initiative is now part of an online, searchable database of successful public health practices in areas that range from immunization and maternal and child health, to infectious diseases and emergency preparedness. The NACCHO Model Practice database allows local health departments, public health partners, and other important stakeholders to learn about the good work being done by local health departments across the country. The database also provides users an opportunity to learn from best practices and what resources are needed to implement comparable programs in other jurisdictions that produce results.

Read more about these award-winning programs at https://application.naccho.org/Public/Applications/Search.

About the Clinton County Health Department:

The Health Department is an accredited full service department serving the residents of Clinton County. The Health Department’s Mission is to improve and protect the health, well-being and environment of the people of Clinton County. Visit our website at www.clintonhealth.org or connect with us on Facebook (@clintonhealth), Twitter (@ClintonCountyHD), and Instagram (clintoncountyhealth).

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