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## **Twelve Health Care Professionals Honored by Oregon Primary Care Association**

**Portland, Ore., May 20, 2014** – Oregonians can look forward to better health, thanks to the work of 12 community health center leaders.

The Oregon Primary Care Association (OPCA) recognized these professionals through its annual Health Center Leadership awards. OPCA's awards honor Oregonians who contribute to the success of the state's network of community health centers. Health centers provide comprehensive, culturally competent primary care to more than 358,000 Oregonians in medically underserved communities.

OPCA gave Health Center Leadership awards to 12 professionals in five categories:

- Growth Award: **Lisa Bozzetti**, dental director, Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center; **Linda Maxon**, executive director, Bandon Community Health Center.
- Health Equities Award: **Kim Freuen**, dental clinic coordinator, White Bird Clinic; **Rachel Solotaroff, MD**, medical director, and **Leslie Tallyn**, director of clinical operations & quality, both of Central City Concern's Old Town Clinic.
- Innovation Award: **Steve Hardenbergh**, certified drug & alcohol counselor and licensed addiction counselor, **Amy Hardy**, nurse manager, and **Meghan Hart**, health educator, all of Central City Concern's Old Town Clinic; **Kim Krichbaum**, HealthLinks specialist, White Bird Clinic; **Jennifer Micek, DO**, provider, Umpqua Community Health Center.
- Leadership in Transformation Awards: **Brenda Johnson**, CEO, La Clinica; **Brian Sandoval**, primary care behavioral health manager, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic.
- Sustainability Award: **Lisa Bozzetti**, dental director, Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center.

Honorees received their awards at OPCA's annual members meeting on April 25.

About OPCA:

The Oregon Primary Care Association is a nonprofit membership organization of 32 community health centers across the state. OPCA provides advocacy on public policy and technical assistance and training to members to enhance health equities and increase access to comprehensive health care for low-income and vulnerable Oregonians. Oregon's health centers serve more than 358,000 patients through 200 clinic sites across the state. For more information, visit <http://www.orpca.org>.

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