

Oregon Advocacy Award

The Oregon Advocacy Award is given annually to a great advocate for people with mental illness and addiction in Oregon.

The Award is given by the Mental Health Association of Portland and its supporters in association with the Oregon Law & Mental Health Conference. The Award is announced prior to the annual conference, and given at the conference.

The Award represents the perspective of persons represented by advocacy - persons who have experienced mental illness and addiction.

Committee Members

Each year the Mental Health Association of Portland appoints an Award Committee responsible for reviewing candidates for Advocacy Award. The committee considers the eligible nominations for the award using a scoring system and selects the recipient.

Committee Members for 2018

- Lakeesha Dumas - Office of Consumer Engagement Coordinator, Multnomah County
- Mike Hlebechuk - Oregon Health Authority, retired
- Stephanie Matheson - Youth Without Borders, Klamath Basin
- Lisa Naito - Naito Public Affairs
- Bob Joondeph - Disability Rights Oregon
- Brenton Gicker - White Bird Clinic, Eugene

Award Eligibility

1. Award nominees must be alive and reside in Oregon.
2. An individual may not receive the Award twice. Nominees can be renominated.
3. Joint recipients of the award are allowed when the nomination is for the same project or for joint work extended over a long period.
4. A minimum of five nominations are required before the committee may select an award recipient.
5. Persons on the Advisory Council, the Board of Directors, any committee, or employed by the Mental Health Association of Portland, or the Oregon Law & Mental Health Conference, are ineligible for the Advocacy Award.

Award Nomination Requirements

Only complete nominations will be considered by the award committee. All nomination material is submitted through the online application at the Oregon Law & Mental Health Conference web site or by email to the conference coordinator. A complete nomination includes:

1. Completed award nomination form.
2. Brief citation stating the accomplishments that make the nominee deserving of this particular award.
3. A one-page narrative description of the significant aspects of the nominee's career or work.
4. Curriculum vitae or resume listing educational background, positions held, publications, patents, awards, honors, activities.

Nominations should be specific about the achievements for which the award is proposed. Clear, concise information about the accomplishments and impact of the nominee is more useful than extensive materials. Excessive documentation will not be distributed to the selection committee. Incomplete nominations will be returned or held for consideration when complete.

Send all award nomination materials to award@olmhc.org by January 12, 2018

Sponsorship

The awarding organization accepts financial support for the Award in the form of sponsorship. These funds benefit the winner and allow the organization to promote advocacy in Oregon. Sponsors may nominate advocates for the award but are not included in the Award Committee.

Award

The Oregon Advocacy Award includes a plaque identifying the winner and year, and \$1000 to be donated to an organization of the winner's choice.