**2017 Call for Nominations to Honor Montana Nurses, Nursing Students, Nurse Preceptors and Nurse Champions**

**An Evening of Celebration at the MTCAHN Practice and Education Summit, June 5-6, 2017 at the Great Northern Hotel in Helena**

**DEADLINE April 14, 2017: Send to mtcahn@gmail.com**

The Montana Center to Advance Health through Nursing (MTCAHN) is seeking nominations for its **6th** annual award to honor Montana nurses, nursing students, nurse preceptors and nurse champions who demonstrate the ability to lead change and advance the health of Montanans.

In September 2011, MTCAHN was named an official state Action Coalition by the Future of Nursing: *Campaign for Action* coordinated through the Center to Champion Nursing in America (CCNA, an initiative of AARP), the AARP Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). The *Campaign for Action* endeavors to ensure that all Americans have access to high-quality health care, with nurses contributing to the full extent of their capabilities to shape that care. Action Coalitions work with the national campaign to implement the recommendations of the 2010 landmark Institute of Medicine (IOM) report, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*.

**Leading Change -Advancing Health Awards**

**Who is eligible to be nominated?** There are four categories of nominations:

**Nurses**: Any RN or LPN held in high regard for providing exceptional nursing care and leadership that has made a difference for the health care of a Montana citizen or citizen(s). There are no restrictions on the type of nursing care provided—whether it’s direct patient care; care provided to families, groups of patients, or communities; or to nurses who use their expertise in different ways—the award is for those who make a difference in the health of Montanans through nursing practice or education.

**Nursing Students**: Any student currently enrolled in a nursing program in Montana is eligible. The nursing student nominees, by their actions as students, should demonstrate outstanding potential which will translate into excellence in nursing care and significantly contribute to the future of nursing care in Montana.

**Nurse Preceptors:** Any nurse who has served as a preceptor to a nurse or nursing student and is held in high regard for providing exceptional service in this capacity. The nurse preceptor has contributed significantly to developing other nurses’ abilities to provide high-quality healthcare and make a difference in the health of Montanans by completing the preceptorship.

**Nurse Champion**: A citizen of Montana who is not a nurse, or a non-nursing organization that has contributed significantly to supporting nurses in providing effective, high-quality healthcare which has made a difference in the lives of Montanans. MTCAHN believes it is especially important that nurses seek collaborative partnerships with patients, the public, health care professionals and others to provide excellence in care. Nurse champions are those who have been instrumental in supporting nurses by providing a collaborative approach to health care.

A gala celebration to honor these nurses, nursing students, nurse preceptors and champions of nursing will take place on **Monday evening,** **June 5, 2017,** at the Great Northern Hotel.

**Submit an email nomination by April 14, 2017 to**: [**mtcahn@gmail.com**](mailto:mtcahn@gmail.com)

**Any Montanan can submit a nomination** for these awards. A complete nomination submission **must** include the following information (please follow carefully!):

1. Nominee’s complete contact information (please include email) and nominating category
2. Complete contact information from the person submitting the nomination
3. A one-page summary of the nominee’s activities that **demonstrate the ability to lead change and advance the health of Montana citizens**. This summary should be a convincing description of the actions and work by the nominee who deserves this outstanding recognition.

More information on the Future of Nursing: *Campaign for Action* and the Montana Center to Advance Health through Nursing can be found at this website: <http://mtcahn.org> or “Like” MTCAHN on Facebook.

For more information about MTCAHN and this event, feel free to contact Kailyn Mock, at [mtcahn@gmail.com](mailto:mtcahn@gmail.com) or review the MTCAHN webpage at <http://mtcahn.org>.

**2017 Call for Nominations Form**

Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please select one category:**

**□ Outstanding Nurse □ Outstanding Nursing Student**

**□ Outstanding Nurse Preceptor □ Outstanding Nurse Champion**

Please provide a brief summary (*no more than one page*) of what the nominee has done to demonstrate the ability to lead change and advance the health of Montana citizens. This summary should be a convincing description of the actions and work by the nominee that deserves this outstanding recognition.