**2018 Call for Nominations to Honor Montana Nurses, Nursing Students and Nurse Champions**

**An Evening of Celebration at the MT CAHN Education and Practice Summit, June 11-12, 2018 at the Great Northern Hotel in Helena**

**DEADLINE April 13, 2018: Send to mtcahn@gmail.com**

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

In September 2011, MT CAHN became an official state Action Coalition for 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 fully 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:

**Nurse in Practice**: 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). This award is for those who make a difference in the health of Montanans through any type of nursing practice, whether it be at the bedside or behind a desk.

**Nursing Student**: Any student currently enrolled in a nursing program in Montana is eligible. The nursing student nominees should demonstrate outstanding potential that will translate into excellence in nursing care and significantly contribute to the future of nursing care in Montana.

**Nurse in Education:** Any faculty member of a Montana nursing education program who demonstrates an ongoing enthusiasm and passion for teaching students how to become skilled, knowledgeable, and professional nurses who will make a difference in the health of Montanans.

**Nurse Champion**: A Montanan 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. MT CAHN 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 and champions of nursing will take place on **Monday evening,** **June 11, 2018,** at the Great Northern Hotel. The honorees will be awarded a stipend for travel, if needed, to Helena for the award presentations.

**Submit an email nomination by April 13, 2018 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 (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 (a form is attached to this letter for your convenience).

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” MT CAHN on Facebook.

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

**2018 Call for Nominations Form**

**Nominator Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Nominee** **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please select one category:**

**□ Outstanding Nurse in Practice □ Outstanding Nursing Student**

**□ Outstanding Nurse in Education □ Outstanding Nurse Champion**

Please provide a brief summary (limited to one page) of what the nominee has done to demonstrate the ability to lead change and advance the health of Montana citizens. This should be a convincing description of the actions and work by the nominee who deserves this outstanding recognition.