



## The Colorado Health Foundation™

### Dr. Virgilio Licona Community Health Leadership Award Program Criteria and Nomination Process

#### Background on Award Program:

The Dr. Virgilio Licona Community Health Leadership Award recognizes Coloradans who are working to implement effective solutions to community health barriers within the state. A nationally recognized advocate for social justice and the health of vulnerable populations, Dr. Licona contributed to the health of Coloradans as a physician and expert in rural health care delivery and migrant health. Dr. Licona's role as a leader in communities brought a critical voice to some of the most important conversations and decisions related to how all Coloradans can live the healthiest lives possible.

The award is designed to:

- Advance innovative, proven and replicable solutions to critical health issues in Colorado communities
- Contribute to better public policies and practices in the field
- Recognize community health leadership and the power of community-based leadership in driving positive health outcomes
- Inspire innovation in the delivery of rural and migrant health
- Recognize and acknowledge impactful efforts affecting social justice and improvement in the health delivery of minority communities
- Inspire others to strive toward Dr. Licona's standard of excellence and to acknowledge those whose work embodies his spirit of care, compassion, activism and dedication

#### Nomination Schedule and Selection Process:

Award nominations are open to the public, and will be accepted for consideration until **5 p.m. MDT on Friday, April 28, 2017**. The nominating person will receive a confirmation of their submission via email.

After the close of nominations, the review/selection process will occur at the Foundation's June Board Retreat. Final decisions will be made by the Foundation Board of Directors.

The award winner will be notified after the Foundation's June Board Retreat. They will also be alerted that they will have the opportunity to attend, along with one guest, the full three-day 2017 Colorado Health Symposium at no charge, lodging and meals included.

#### Nomination Eligibility:

- Nominations are open to the public
- Each nominating person is allowed one nomination
- Potential candidates may be nominated by more than one person
- No person may be self-nominated.
- No Foundation Board member, Board committee community member, staff or their immediate family members may be nominated

- Posthumous nominations are discouraged
- Standing elected officials will not be considered for nomination

## Nomination Criteria and Guidelines:

- Nominee must be a resident of Colorado
- Nominee must be making an impact within Colorado communities
- Nominee must have influenced or made a significant contribution to community health and/or public policy in Colorado towards the Foundation's mission of improving the health of Coloradans
- Strong nominees will exhibit the following characteristics:
  - Builds bridges among people with differing backgrounds or viewpoints
  - Achieves positive change in their community
  - Contributes to better public policies and practices in the field
  - Represents a community-based organization from any field (education, health, public safety, housing, economic development or the environment) that shows evidence of improving health outcomes in their community
  - Creates a positive impact in the delivery of rural health and migrant health and/or overall health of minority communities

## Nomination Requirements:

- A nomination form that addresses five key questions about the nominee's role in community health leadership and short biography

## Previous Awardees:

2016 – Dr. Virgilio Licona