

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care is seeking nominations for 2021 Missouri Rural Health Champions. Awards will be presented on November 18, 2021, during the Missouri Rural Health Day celebration. This award is designed to honor a minimum of one individual and one group, depending on the number and type of nominations received. The person or group honored should demonstrate how their contributions are making a difference in Missouri rural health care through collaboration, education, innovation and communication. The nomination deadline is September 7, 2021.

Are you nominating an individual or a group?

- Individual  
 Group

Who is your nominee?

Nominee Name

Affiliated Organization

Nominator Information

Name

Organization

Nominee's affiliated organization type

- Hospital  
 Rural Health Clinic  
 Federally Qualified Health Center  
 Outpatient Clinic  
 State Government  
 University  
 Other, please specify

What rural community does your nominee serve?

Please describe your connection/affiliation to the nominee.

In 1,000 words or less, please describe why do you believe your nominee is the best individual for the 2021 Missouri Rural Health Champion Award? Please provide timeline of specific activities.

I am pleased to present Dr. Terry Hall as a nominee for the 2021 Missouri Rural Health Champion award. Growing up on a dairy farm in northern Missouri, Dr. Hall learned the meaning of hard work, rising before dawn to milk cows before school. At an early age, he set a goal of becoming a doctor and serving his hometown community. After graduating from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine in 1981, Dr. Hall became an active-duty officer in the United States Air Force. He served the military for seven years as a family practice physician, often working up to 48-hour shifts without sleep. Dr. Hall came back to Bethany, Missouri, his hometown, to care for his family and community. As one of only two physicians, Dr. Hall rarely had time off, providing 24 hours a day, seven days a week call coverage, all the while owning his practice. His practice was purchased in 2014 by Harrison County Community Hospital (HCCH), where Dr. Hall continued to serve until August 2021, where he finally hung up his stethoscope after 34 years of service to the community. During the last year, Dr. Hall served as HCCH's Incident Commander for the COVID-19 pandemic. His medical expertise, military background, and calming demeanor guided policies and procedures to keep our staff and patients safe. Dr. Hall spent hours researching treatments, best practices, and procedures to best care for patients. With Dr. Hall's leadership, our Incident Command team obtained Remdesivir and Monoclonal antibody pharmaceuticals to administer to patients early in the pandemic. In addition, our incident command team put into place supply conservation methods within three days of the pandemic starting. Collaborating with county and city officials and the county Health Department, Dr. Hall wrote the disaster plan and helped ensure the hospital and county were prepared for the pandemic. As a rural health champion, Dr. Hall has selflessly served our community and surrounding area, providing primary care services, emergency services, and even house calls. Additionally, he has served as medical director to the local ambulance district, nursing home, health department, hospice and mentored many healthcare providers. I can think of no one more deserving than Dr. Hall to be recognized as a Missouri Rural Health Champion.

I can confirm that the nominee is making a difference in rural communities through collaboration, education, innovation and communication, and is working or volunteering in a designated rural area.

- Yes  
 No

I can confirm that the nominee is a Missouri resident.

- Yes
- No

How did you hear about the 2021 Missouri Rural Health Champion Award?

Web site