

Howard Gaines Behavioral Health Community Service Award

The Beaverhead County Mental Health Local Advisory Council (MHLAC) desires to recognize contributions made by Beaverhead County residents who advance the cause of better behavioral/mental health in our community. To do so, this year the first annual award will be given to an outstanding Beaverhead County resident who has made significant contributions in this area. The recipient will receive a plaque honoring their achievement. The award is open to mental health professionals and community leaders who support and enhance the mental wellness of our County.

This award honors Howard Gaines, a tireless advocate of mental health for over 20 years. Howard Gaines was one of the first members of the Beaverhead Mental Health Local Advisory Council and the Western Service Area Authority. Howard died in 2016. His service to the community has been recognized by a Proclamation of the Beaverhead County Commissioners and the MHLAC establishment of the **Howard Gaines Behavioral Health Community Service Award**.

Qualities for consideration:

- implementation of a successful program addressing a mental health need;
- development of an innovative outreach or prevention strategy;
- provision of excellent community leadership and/or clinical services;
- demonstration of community/state collaboration in furthering the cause of mental health and wellness;
- contribution to the behavioral/mental health of the people of Beaverhead County

Call for nominations:

Nominations must be received by August 1, 2017, and are welcomed from anyone who wants to recognize a Beaverhead County resident for promoting positive behavioral/mental health.

This year's committee members, Julie Ingram, Wanda Jensen, and Jenny Given will review nominations and a winner will be announced during a presentation at The Big Sky Behavioral Health Summit in September.

Instructions for nomination follow.

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Nominee

Individual Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please include an explanation of how this nominee has contributed to the behavioral/mental health of our County. Feel free to attach additional documents in support of your nomination.

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Nominations are welcomed by email to:

julie.ingram@kindred.com or wjensen@wmhc.org or jgiven@barretthospital.org

or by mail to: Jenny Given Barrett Hospital and HealthCare 30 Highway 91 S. Dillon, MT 59725

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