



2021 CHAMPS Awardees

Virtual Awards Ceremony | Monday, November 22, 2021

Exceptional Board Leadership Award
Jesus “Jessie” Tijerina, Board Chair
Salud Family Health Centers, CO

Beginning his service on the Salud Family Health Centers Board of Directors in 1979, Jesus “Jessie” Tijerina has served as Board Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. During his tenure, his leadership on the Board has been central to Salud’s phenomenal growth and success.

Jesus is a farmworker contractor and travels between Mexico and the U.S. to ensure there are enough farmworkers available to support the regional need for laborers. He works closely with the migrant representatives on the Salud Board to identify and share concerns experienced by workers so they can best represent the large constituency. His guidance and input are critical to Salud’s work to design and implement programs that meet the changing needs of farmworkers who work in Salud’s service area.

Mr. Tijerina attends the National Conference for Agricultural Worker Health each year and participates in the State Policy and Issues forum to advocate for bills that benefit Salud and its work to serve the migrant and seasonal farmworker population. He is a strong advocate for community health centers and the important role they play in our communities, especially amongst migrant farmworkers. Mr. Tijerina often reminds the Board of former Salud CEO Jerry Brasher’s motto to “never forget our mission;” Jesus lives by Salud’s mission every single day.

Mr. Tijerina’s longevity on the Salud Board is a testament to his commitment and dedication to ensuring access to quality health care for the migrant and seasonal farmworker population.

*We are pleased to present Jesus “Jessie” Tijerina with the
CHAMPS Exceptional Board Leadership Award
in recognition of his longstanding commitment to
Salud Family Health Centers and the agricultural workforce.*