



2022 CHAMPS Awardees

Virtual Awards Ceremony | Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Exceptional Board Leadership Award
Carol Lewis, Board Chair
Denver Health, CO

Carol Lewis was born at Denver General Hospital (later renamed Denver Health). She worked as a clinical social worker at Denver Health, retiring this year after 33 years. Carol has served on the Denver Health Community Health Services Board for 17 years and as Board Chair since 2014.

Carol has also represented patients and the Denver Health CHC family through her participation in multiple Policy & Issues Forums, both with Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) at the Colorado State Capitol, and with the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) in Washington, D.C. She has spoken with state and federal officials about patients' needs for access to high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary health care and the value of that access to the entire community. Carol is always available to talk with legislators, community members, and others about the value of Denver Health Community Health Services to the communities they serve.

Dr. Simon Hambidge, Chief Executive Officer of Denver Health Community Health Services, said of Carol, "She strongly believes in the value of service to our community and that health care is a right and not a privilege. Legislators listen when Carol speaks about community health service and our Denver community."

CCHN's Vice President of Quality and Operations, Jessica Sanchez, said, "As a clinician, Carol genuinely cared about the whole person. She would often go out of her way to advocate for individuals who felt overwhelmed, needed additional social services, and those who would otherwise be at risk for bigger problems. Carol is a great care team member. She always was available to consult about a patient, contribute her expertise, and go beyond to find resources to help."

*We are pleased to honor Carol Lewis with the
CHAMPS Exceptional Board Leadership Award
in recognition of her longstanding service and commitment to
Denver Health and their Community Health Services.*