



## 2022 CHAMPS Awardees

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***Outstanding Legislative Leadership Award***  
**Mary Lynne Shickich, Policy Consultant**  
**Wyoming Primary Care Association, WY**

Mary Lynne Shickich is recognized by health centers across Wyoming as the person to lean on for all things legislature. She has worked for and with the Wyoming Primary Care Association for years in advocating for health centers around the state at local, state, and national levels, sometimes leveraging personal relationships to gain access and traction for promotion of Wyoming's health centers. She is quick to identify opportunities to make legislative groups aware of health center activities and provides tremendous insight in how best to approach lawmakers in decision-making that strengthens the position of these organizations.

Recently, Mary Lynne worked with state officials to garner funding to support retention and resiliency efforts for front line health care workers. During COVID, with so much attention on hospital staff, it was easy to overlook the burnout and pressure being put on primary care health workers. Thanks to her efforts, employees at Wyoming health centers became recipients of funding for retention related activities benefiting front line health care workers.

The wisdom and knowledge needed to successfully navigate the labyrinth of both state and national political arenas is extensive. Mary Lynne brings a wealth of information and knowledge about healthcare in Wyoming. Her diverse background in hospitals, senior centers, and CHC advocacy brings a depth of understanding. Her positive and friendly demeanor makes the "work" of educating people look easy. Above all, Mary Lynne is willing to share and teach what she has gathered over the years. She is helping make healthcare better in Wyoming for everyone.

*We are pleased to present Mary Lynne Shickich with the  
CHAMPS Outstanding Legislative Leadership Award  
for championing accessible, affordable, health care for all.*