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**Filonow Award of Excellence - 2021**

**NOMINATION FORM**

“I have an opportunity for you!” Nick Filonow was the Quality Improvement and Information Systems Director of Newaygo County Mental Health for ten years, until he was taken from us in an auto accident in 2002. Nick believed in a high quality, publicly-provided Mental Health system for the State of Michigan. He demonstrated that dedicated individuals can make a difference in the lives of consumers and the agencies that serve them. The Michigan public mental health system is strong today because of the hard work and dedication of individuals, consumers, advocates and families. Nick would see opportunities, not obstacles. His dedication to providing community-based quality mental health services and his compassion for people was evident to all who came to know him on both a professional and personal level. The Nick Filonow Award of Excellence recognizes eligible individuals, committees or groups that have made a significant contribution or effort to improve the public mental health community-based system at a local or state-wide level through finance, technology or quality efforts.

Nominations may be submitted by any of the following eligible member groups:

- CMHSP

- CMHA Affiliate Member Agency

- CMHA Executive Board

- PIHP

- CMHA Standing Committee

Name of Nominee:

Nominated by:

Nominees’ Organization:

Nominee's Address: City Zip:

Area Code/Phone Number:

**To be considered, nominations must be emailed to Chris Ward (**[cward@cmham.org](mailto:cward@cmham.org)) **or a hardcopy mailed to: CMHA, Attn: Chris Ward, 426 South Walnut, Lansing, MI 48933.**

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS Friday, October 1st, 2021 AT 5:00pm.** All nominations will be reviewed by the Improving Outcomes Conference Planning Committee. Award recommendations will be based on the quality of the nomination, its support information and attachments, not the number of nominations an individual receives. The award will be presented during the CMHA Improving Outcomes December Conference.

For more information, please contact Chris Ward at [cward@cmham.org](mailto:cward@cmham.org).

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Application

Deadline for receipt is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 1st, 2021

Use additional sheets as needed.

**1. Statement of Contribution (What)**: Briefly explain the nominee’s contribution. What issue was solved or improved upon? What was the issue costing you in terms of dollars, lost time or some other assets? Why did you decide to commit resources to solving/improving this issue?

**2. Explanation of process (How):** Explain how this individual or group of individuals made a contribution to an organization or the public mental health system as a whole. Give examples of outcomes that were directly a result of their efforts, and describe, in detail, the benefits to the public system or a local CMSHP for their efforts. This may include timeframe, budget, resources and how the efficacy of the contribution was measured.

**3. Improvements/Outcomes**: Describe the change in your organization because of these contributions. Provide supporting evidence where possible. Be sure to address how you achieved your goals and objectives, including any consumer benefit.

**4. Organizational Support:** Indicate a commitment by the nominee’s organization to assure their attendance of appropriate staff at the Improving Outcomes conference in the event that the nominee(s) is selected as one of the finalists.

**Name of Nominator:**

Name of Eligible Organization:

Director/Supervisor Name:

Street Address:

City/Zip: Phone:

Contact (if different from above): Phone: