

# Peak Vista Community Health Centers' Awards & Accolades

## **Peak Vista Recent Provider Awards & Accolades**

Peak Vista providers are leaders in the community and have been recognized for their professional skills and commitment to quality health outcomes. Our providers exemplify a broad range of medical backgrounds and expertise and many are involved in medical education.

### **2018 CSBJ Rising Star**

Victoria Stone, a member of the Peak Vista Board of Directors since 2012 and serving as the current Governance Chair, was awarded the Colorado Springs Business Journal's 2018 Rising Star. Victoria dedicates her time volunteering within Colorado's Pikes Peak region - from working with youth, homelessness, food inequality, lack of access to quality medical care or advocating community members to be involved in politics.

### **2018 Springs Magazine Healthcare Hero and Best in Health Award**

Dr. Michael D. Welch, Chief Medical and Dental Officer, received this award after serving at the clinical helm of Peak Vista for 28 years. Dr. Welch has embodied the mission of Peak Vista and is a forward-thinking leader in the way he seeks to provide the most exceptional care for our community. He envisioned and supported the design and implementation of the Peak Vista Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Primary Care Fellowship program, which began in September of 2015.

### **2018 CCHN Volunteer Clinician Award**

Dr. Daniel Weber was awarded the 2018 Volunteer Clinical of the Year by the Colorado Community Health Network. Dr. Weber began volunteering at Peak Vista in August of 2012 on a weekly basis. He has served over 900 patients since 2013, averaging 215 patient encounters per year. Dr. Weber has provided much needed patient access to optometry consultative services for Peak Vista patients.

### **2018 NACHC Jessie Trice Excellence in Leadership Award**

The National Association of Community Health Leaders awarded Pam McManus, CPA with the prestigious Jessie Trice Excellence in Leadership Award. Pam has been an advocate for underserved members of the community for 26 years, stepping into the President and CEO role six years ago. Under her leadership, Peak Vista has seen a patient increase from 58,000 to 94,000 and an 80% increase in employees from 504 to over 900. The number of health centers also increased from 19 to 26.

### **2018 EPCMS Physician and Nursing Awards**

Dr. Scott Robinson received the 2018 El Paso County Medical Society's Outstanding Physician Award in the Teaching category. Since his appointment as the Peak Vista Family Medicine Residency (PVFMR) Program Director in February of 2015, Dr. Robinson has been instrumental in the successful design and implementation of Colorado Spring's only primary care residency. His innovation and dedication allowed for the successful achievement of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in July of 2017.

### **2018 EPCMS Physician and Nursing Awards**

Dr. Michael D. Welch received the Outstanding Physician Award in Leadership. Dr. Welch has embodied the mission of Peak Vista for the past 28 years and is a forward-thinking leader in the way he seeks to provide the most exceptional care for our community. He envisioned and supported the design and implementation of the Peak Vista Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Primary Care Fellowship program, which began in September of 2015.

### **2018 EPCMS Physician and Nursing Awards**

Mary Jane Reed, a Care Team Nurse at the Developmental Disabilities Health Center (DDHC), received the 2018 El Paso County Medical Society's Excellence in Professional Nursing Award. Mary Jane is often requested by patients and is an inspiration to the staff and everyone that she interacts with. She excels at supporting and encouraging patients, ensuring that they understand what to expect with various treatment options.

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### **2017 CHAMPS Exceptional Board Leadership Award**

Rebecca McCay, RN, Peak Vista's chief nursing & clinical officer was awarded the Exceptional Board Leadership Award by the Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States in late 2017. Rebecca joined Peak Vista in 2003 as a charge nurse and grew to the Chief Nursing & Clinical Officer of clinical operations where she oversees 26 health centers. Rebecca has an immense passion for promoting Peak Vista's mission and ensuring all patients feel welcome and receive exceptional care. Rebecca has worked in several nursing capacities and leadership roles within Peak Vista which has afforded her the opportunity to learn and grow as a string leader in the organization.

### **2017 CCHN Volunteer Clinician Award**

Dr. Richard Moothart was awarded Volunteer Clinical of the Year by the Colorado Community Health Network. Dr. Moothart began volunteering at Peak Vista in August 2010. Since November 2012, Dr. Moothart has seen 257 cardiology consults, with over 370 encounters. Dr. Moothart has provided much needed patient access to cardiology consultative services for many Peak Vista patients. He truly epitomizes those ideals of selfless service that are an integral part of the Hippocratic Oath.

### **2014 | 2015 CSBJ Best of Business - 3rd Place Physician Group**

Peak Vista ranked 3rd in the Colorado Springs Business Journal's (CSBJ) Best of Business Physician Group. Peak Vista is one of the largest Physician Groups in Colorado Springs, employing over 100 mid-level providers and physicians.

### **2015 Outstanding Legislative Leadership Award**

Pam McManus, president and CEO of Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista), has been recognized by the Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States (CHAMPS) with the 2015 Outstanding Legislative Leadership Award. For over two decades, Pam McManus has served Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista), as a champion of community health and an advocate for uninsured and underinsured patients. In her role as president and CEO leading over 700 employees, Pam is devoted to upholding the values of the organization and works to ensure patients have access to quality, comprehensive primary medical, dental and behavioral health care.

Pam's work as an exceptional administrative leader extends beyond her role as president and CEO, she is a steadfast advocate for all patients facing access barriers and the community health centers movement. Pam led the "Access is the Answer" initiative at Peak Vista, receiving national recognition for her efforts from the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) in both 2014 and 2015. Knowing the Fiscal Funding Cliff still looms in the relatively near future, Pam has continued to advocate for the support of legislators from not only cities and counties, but also on the state and national levels.

### **2015 CHAMPS Exceptional Administrative Leadership Award**

Dr. Michael Welch, chief medical and dental officer of Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista), has been recognized by the Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States (CHAMPS) with the 2015 Exceptional Administrative Leadership Award. Michael Welch is a visionary community health leader. He has served at the clinical helm of Peak Vista Community Health Centers for 25 years. He has maintained compassion for the community and ensures that Peak Vista providers understand our patients and the access barriers they face. He has envisioned and supported the design and implementation of the Peak Vista APRN Primary Care Fellowship and the Family Medical Residency Program, the only primary residency care program in Colorado Springs and surrounding areas.

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## **2015 Hats-Off Honoree**

Pam McManus, president and CEO of Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista), has been recognized by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority of Colorado Springs during their annual Heats-Off Luncheon. This honor was presented to Pam for her on-going efforts to promote activism, volunteerism, leadership training and interracial and ecumenical education.

## **2014 CHAMPS Outstanding Advocate of the Underserved Award**

Greg Morris, PA – C, has been recognized by the Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States (CHAMPS) with the 2014 Outstanding Advocate of the Underserved Award. Morris has served as Program Director for Peak Vista's Homeless Health Center since 1997, and has worked tirelessly to first listen to the unique needs of homeless individuals, then find ways to improve access for these men, women and children to quality primary medical, dental and behavioral care. In recognition of his innovative approach to homeless care, Morris was named the 2002 National Humanitarian Physician Assistant of the year by the American Academy of Physician Assistants. In 2008, he was named to the National Healthcare for the Homeless Council's Clinicians Network. In 2010, he was named National Chair of the Network. Morris currently serves as Co-Chair for the HCH Clinicians Network Curriculum Project and has helped design curriculum targeted for use in medical schools and other healthcare training programs to expose students to the specialty of caring for this marginalized population.

## **2014 Corps Community Day Award**

Amy Clauss, MD, was awarded the 2014 Corps Community Day Award, by the Colorado Health Service Corps and the Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) for outstanding leadership, collaboration and exceptional service in healthcare. Upon completion of her residency, Clauss and her family moved to Colorado Springs and she entered private practice in general obstetrics and gynecology. She soon grew dissatisfied as she felt she was not fulfilling her mission to care for those who faced challenges in receiving quality healthcare. In 2011 she joined the staff at Peak Vista's Women's Health Center and her passion was reborn. Clauss believes that her effectiveness as a physician is bolstered by a connection with patients that includes treatment of emotional and mental issues. Peak Vista's model of integrated medical, dental and behavioral care offers her the ability to treat the whole person.

## **2014 CCHN Volunteer Clinician Award**

Amilu Stewart MD, FACS, was presented the 2014 Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) Volunteer Clinician Award. Beginning in 2009, Stewart began performing office-based surgeries to Peak Vista patients who do not have access to surgeons, often due to finances or lack of insurance. Throughout her career, Dr. Stewart has been a leader of numerous organizations, including President of the Western Surgical Association and Co-Founder of the Colorado Physician's Insurance Company, where she served on the company's board for 18 years. In 2010, The Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) recognized Dr. Stewart's exemplary service to ACS, and the profession of surgery, naming her the recipient of its highest honor – the College's 2010 Distinguished Service Award.