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## **Peer and Achievement Award Winners Honored at 2025 Your Voice Your Value Conference**

**OAKLAND COUNTY, MI (August 7, 2025)** – Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) recognized six (6) Achievement Award winners and six (4) Peer Award winners at the 2025 Your Voice, Your Value Conference on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



*Pictured above (left to right): Glenda V., Dana Lasenby, Shannon H., Tony C., Lisa L. Kalyann L., Jessica T.*

“This event was a celebration of individuals who uplift and inspire our community every day,” states OCHN’s CEO and Executive Director, Dana Lasenby. “Honoring their impact not only recognizes their hard work, but also reminds us of the power of compassion, leadership, and service in shaping a better community.”

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The Achievement Awards recognize the successes and accomplishments of individuals who receive public mental health services, including those with an intellectual / developmental disability, mental health challenge, or substance use disorder.

Achievement Award categories and winners:

- **Helping Hands:** Carl M.
- **Stigma Buster:** Tony C.
- **My Life:** Lisa L.
- **Dan Moran:** Renee N. & Jessica T.
- **Directors Award:** Peter S.

The Peer Awards celebrate the contributions made by peers to support people within the public mental health system and include peer support specialists, peer mentors, recovery coaches, youth peer supports, and parent support partners.

Peer Award categories and winners:

- **Stigma:** Christopher B.
- **Hope Giver:** Glenda V.
- **Outstanding Achievement:** Kalynn L.
- **Making a Difference:** Shannon H.

### **About OCHN**

OCHN is contracted by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to lead a provider service network and manage care for approximately 30,000 Oakland County citizens at more than 400 service sites. People who receive public behavioral health services through OCHN's provider network include those who have an intellectual or developmental disability, mental health concerns, or substance use disorder. Most of these individuals have Medicaid insurance coverage.

OCHN's goal is to ensure these individuals are aware of and have access to services and supports that will improve their health and quality of life, as well as ensure their engagement in full community participation. Its mission to "inspire hope, empower people, and strengthen communities" reflects an unyielding belief in a "Valuable System for Valued People." Programs and supports provided by OCHN's service network are available at [www.oaklandchn.org](http://www.oaklandchn.org).

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