**VT Public Health Association**

**Criteria for Public Health Champion Award 2023- Individual**

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| Award Nominee: |
| Nominee Address: | Nominee Phone Number:  |
| Nominee Email: |  |
| Nominating Person: | E-mail of Nominating Person: |
| Address of Nominating Person: | Phone Number:  |

*\*Please note that current VtPHA officers and board members are not eligible for this award. Previous nominations for those who were not selected for awards are welcome for resubmission.*

**Description of Award:**

The Vermont Public Health Association is proud to announce its annual Vermont Public Health Champion Award. This honor recognizes an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to public health within the state of Vermont. This award was created to acknowledge and appreciate the critical role that individual Vermonters play in protecting and promoting the best health for all Vermonters. Nominees may be professional/non-professional, community leaders or representatives, or volunteers for example: educators, health professionals (e.g., doctors, nurses), administrators, journalists, lawyers, public health professionals, human services personnel, or community organizers.

**Instructions:**

* Please complete the following grid in as many areas as possible.
* Attachments must be limited to one page per criterion.
* Please submit all finalized nomination packets to the PH Champion Committee Chair, **burton.wilcke@uvm.edu** **by April 7, 2023.**
* Nominations will be evaluated by the VtPHA board, and awardees will be recognized at the 2023 VtPHA Annual Meeting and Conference on May 4, 2023.

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| **Award Criteria** | **Yes** | **No** | **Please attach****supporting documents, as appropriate and applicable.** |
| 1. The candidate is an individual who works in Vermont (this criterion is necessary for all nominees).
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| 1. The candidate provides outstanding leadership and guidance instrumental to achieving positive outcomes for the health of Vermonters. For example:
* Advocating for and supporting public policies which address health equity and the determinants of health.
* Gathering public health data or conducting research to contribute to the advancement of public health strategies.
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| 1. The candidate inspires collaboration through strategic partnerships across various sectors and diverse groups to create a culture of health in Vermont. For example:
* Strengthening partnerships across sectors and among diverse groups.
* Creating information sharing strategies.
* Promoting awareness and deepening community commitment to public health.
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| 1. The candidate has demonstrated a degree of innovation and creativity to positively influence the advancement of public health in Vermont, and/or built community capacity and advanced new public health approaches by bringing innovative ideas and practices to Vermonters. For example:
* Creating new strategies to support awareness, education, advocacy and policy development for the promotion of health equity.
* Advancing new approaches to cross-cultural communications.
* Empowering marginalized and vulnerable populations.
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| 1. The candidate has achieved impact by fostering opportunities for health in Vermont. For example:
* Acting as a catalyst for positive change.
* Mobilizing resources to respond to an emerging public health issue.
* Affecting measurable change through strategy and implementation.
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**Nomination Summary:**

If you have answered “yes” to criterion 1, and at least one (or more) of criterion 2 - 5 please also provide a brief summary, in your own words (up to 500 words), explaining why the nominee should be recognized as the *VTPHA Public Health Champion Individual Award for 2023*.

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