



2009 MICA Awards

The Mental Health Branch of the Department of Health in partnership with the Consumer, Family, and Community Involvement Working Group solicits annual nominations for MICA (Meaningful Involvement Consumer Award) Awards. We are aware that in Nova Scotia there are a number of exceptional individuals, work areas, organizations and districts where meaningful involvement of consumers is demonstrated. We seek to honor individuals and groups that demonstrate excellence in this area.

The 2008 recipients were:

Sheila Morrison
Francine Vezina
Community Supports Adult Team Cumberland District Health Authority
Gail Kelly
Tracey and Gerard Avery

The MICA Awards are divided into two (2) categories:

1. MICA Engagement Award - Awarded to a mental health clinician, clinical team, or community group that has demonstrated authentic, active and prolonged meaningful involvement of mental health consumers in planning, implementation and evaluation of mental health service activities. Two awards are presented each year in this category, one for individual service provider and one for a group or team of service providers.
2. MICA Consumer, Family & Friend Award - Awarded to mental health consumers, families & friends that have demonstrated authentic, active and meaningful input in the planning, implementation and evaluation of mental health services. Four awards are presented each year, one in each of the following categories: individual consumer, consumer group/organization, individual family member, and family group/organization.

Award Criteria

- Mental health consumer / families/ friends/ mental health service providers
- Evidence that the spirit of meaningful consumer involvement has been significant
- Building of a more inclusive partnership
- Evidence that the consumer has contributed significantly to mental health service delivery

Guide to Nominations

- Individual mental health consumers, consumer groups, individual mental health clinicians, groups of mental health service providers can be nominated.
- Individuals/groups can be re-nominated from year to year, however, past recipients are not eligible.
- Nominations are evaluated by the Consumer, Family, and Community Involvement Working Group of the Mental Health Branch, Department of Health.

- Selection committee makes recommendations to the Executive Director, Mental Health, Children's Services and Addiction Treatment
- Award recipients are selected based solely on merit of documentation provided with nomination form
- All nominees and sponsors will be notified of the selected recipients

Nomination Procedures

Nominees for awards may be sponsored by:

- An organization or group
- Two(2) individuals - a sponsor and a co-sponsor not related to nominee

Nominations must include the following information:

- Name, address, phone number of the nominee
- Name, address, phone number of the sponsor and co-sponsor
- Description that reflects why the candidate should receive the award (not more than 250 words).

The applications must be submitted by **June 26, 2009** to:

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