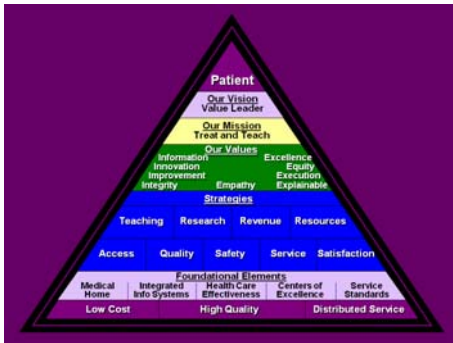


## Announcing The 2009 Annual HCSD TRAQS Award

*Making a difference where it counts!*

### *Criteria and call for nominations:*

This Award will be given on an annual basis at the January Forum to the HCSD program that significantly improves any dimension of teaching, revenue, research, access, quality, service, stakeholder satisfaction, and safety aspects of the **HCSD mission and strategies**. The nominated healthcare service must substantially improve the health status for a medically underserved population in Louisiana. Applications are due by December 15<sup>th</sup> and will be reviewed by an Awards Committee composed of the members of the Clinical Care Coordination Team.



- The Award is intended to recognize a collective effort or project rather than an achievement by an individual.
- The program must be at or significantly associated with HCSD facility.
- The program must be able to show measurable benefits and outcomes.
- The program must be capable of being replicated.

### *The application for a TRAQS Award should contain the following sections:*

#### **SECTION 1: SUMMARY**

First, define the problem in a sentence or two. Then, provide a brief summary of the program. Include geographic service area, description of the population(s) served, number of employees and volunteers that work in the program, length of time in existence, brief history, annual total expense budget figures, major sources of funding, and any other important facts.

#### **SECTION 2: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Describe the program's objectives, its approaches to specific problems and the actions taken to achieve program goals. Explain how this program is unique compared to others. Provide examples of how this program is innovative and creative in solving problems.

Note: If the program is broad-based, concentrate on areas that have been the most successful in terms of impact, innovation, results, etc.

#### **SECTION 3: OUTCOMES**

Describe the specific successes achieved by the program: measurable improvement in health status indicators, number of people directly impacted, etc. Provide supporting data that shows measurable benefits. Charts and graphs of the program's impact over time are helpful. If the program has been replicated, include examples.

#### **SECTION 4: SUPPORT**

Attach one letter of support from an individual who possess expertise and knowledge in judging the credibility and effectiveness of the program.

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