

Pueblo’s 2019 Public Health Champion Announced

May, 22, 2019, Pueblo, CO- The Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment announced **Dr. Shaun Gogarty** was selected as the **2019 Public Health Champion** for displaying significant contributions to Pueblo’s public health.

“Congratulations on a well-deserved award to Dr. Gogarty. Pueblo’s public health community acknowledges Dr. Gogarty as a role model in the Pueblo community,” stated Randy Evetts, public health director at the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment.



Randy Evetts, Public Health Director with 2019 Public Health Champion, Dr. Gogarty.

A community selection committee chose Dr. Gogarty for his promotion of health and protecting the environment. Dr. Gogarty accepted the award at the monthly Pueblo Board of Health meeting in May.

Dr. Gogarty’s involvement as a role model for public health was observed in many areas

- As a momentous figure in the local battle against substance abuse.
- As a member of Pueblo’s Heroin Task Force who brought community members and partners to the table to collaboratively plan how to address substance abuse in Pueblo.
- Active participant in the evolution of the Task Force to SURE (Substance Use Response Ecosystem).
- Worked with both hospitals in Pueblo to change policies and procedures for individuals to start medically assisted treatment (MAT) when in the emergency room.
- Instrumental in bringing MAT providers to Pueblo; increasing treatment capacity to over 2,000.
- Provides education to any group that requests information on substance use in Pueblo County. For example, the Greater Chamber of Commerce.
- Sits as a community representative on the LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) Key Stakeholder Policy Committee; making LEAD a reality in Pueblo County.

Nominations were received from Pueblo community partners in addition to Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment’s Board of Health and health department staff members.

Southern Colorado Health Network joins past Public Health Champions in receiving this prestigious award:

2018	Southern Colorado Health Network	2014	Dr. Anne Courtright
2017	Kim Arline	2013	John Panepinto, BPH
2016	Pueblo Community College	2012	Dr. Jarvis Ryals
2015	Southern Colorado Runners Club		

View photos of the past Public Health Champion recipients by visiting www.pueblohealth.org.

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