June 1, 2021

**TO**: MALPH and MPHA Members

**FROM:** Norm Hess, Executive Director, Michigan Association for Local Public Health

 Roger Racine, President, Michigan Public Health Association

**RE**: Joint Award Nomination – Jean E. Chabut Public Health Advocate Award

In the spirit of collaboration, MALPH and MPHA will be jointly selecting and presenting the **Jean E. Chabut Public Health Advocate Award** at the 2021 Michigan Premier Public Health Conference.

We are seeking nominations for individuals or organizations that exemplify this year’s theme of the Michigan Premier Public Health Conference which is ***Theme: Beyond the Pandemic, Innovative Public Health Leadership: Thriving in Times of Crisis.*** This award will be presented during lunch on the first day of the conference, Wednesday, October 27, 2021at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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**Jean E. Chabut Public Health Advocate Award**

**This is awarded to an individual.**

In the spirit of public health advocacy and continuing the outstanding efforts of a fellow champion who gave tirelessly in seeking to improve the lives of communities through innovative collaboration and partnership building, this award is presented annually.  This award will honor Jean Chabut and perpetuate her memory as a tireless public health advocate.

The awardee will be someone who emulates the qualities Jean showed during her life – someone who advocated for environmental or system change that improved the public health of the population which they serve, especially those who are underserved. Through the awardee's actions, they have built strong relationships with key partners or have mobilized other advocates through their bold leadership.  They have overcome barriers to succeed and have done so with grace.

Please complete the attached form and return it to Jodie Shaver via email to jshaver@malph.org by ***Wednesday, September 15, 2021.***