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South Carolina Primary Health Care Association Holds 2021 State Policies and Issues Forum

January 25, 2021 – Columbia, SC – The South Carolina Primary Health Care Association (SCPHCA) held its 16th Annual State Policies and Issues Forum on Friday, January 15, 2021. With over 107 participants in attendance, this year's forum was held virtually in accordance with ongoing COVID restrictions. The event consisted of a one-day virtual meeting that supported educational sessions centered around issues outlined on the organization's legislative agenda. A two-day schedule (January 19th-21st) of virtual statehouse visits concluded the event. These visits afford community health center staff and board members to converse with their respective state legislator(s) to advocate for continued support of the community health center movement.

During this event, the SCPHCA customarily acknowledges outstanding advocacy and legislative efforts of staff, organizations and legislators who make impactful strides to ensure health equity on behalf of our constituents – uninsured and/or underinsured patients. This year was no exception. Here are the 2021 award winners:



Community Health Care Leadership Award Recipient



Community Health Center Advocate Award Recipient
Ms. Linda Lynah from St. James-Santee Family Health Center



2021 Advocate Award Recipient



**2021 Advocacy Accelerator Award
Recipient**



**2021 Community Health Center Champion
Award Recipient**

Senator Greg Hembree – District 28



2021 Marion P. Carnell Award Recipient
Senator John Scott, Jr. – SC District 19



**2021 Lifetime Achievement in Legislative
Advocacy Award**
Mr. Doug Bryant

About the SCPHCA

The mission of the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association (SCPHCA) is to provide a unified supportive infrastructure that facilitates access to community-based primary, behavioral and other health care services to every community in South Carolina. For more information, please visit www.scphca.org.