

Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value Presents Annual Awards at 2020 “Best of the Best” Virtual Event

At its 25th annual “Best of the Best” virtual event held December 1, 2020, the Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value presented its **Dr. Jack Mahoney Healthcare Hero Award** to the University of South Florida’s William M. Sappenfield, MD, MPH, and its **Most Engaged Employer-Healthcare Purchaser Award** to the Florida Bankers Health Consortium.

Healthcare Hero Award

The Dr. Jack Mahoney Healthcare Hero Award is presented annually to someone whose passion and leadership in driving healthcare quality and value has vastly improved the health of Floridians. **This year’s award was sponsored by Orlando Health and honors Dr. Sappenfield for his leadership and accomplishments in significantly improving maternal and child health** in the state of Florida, including his efforts to build and direct the Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative (FPQC). The FPQC is a statewide, multi-organizational partnership established to improve the health care quality of mothers and infants through hospitals and health care providers.

Dr. Sappenfield currently serves as a professor at USF’s College of Public Health and director of the Chiles Center, an organization that promotes optimal health and well-being across the life course of women, children, families and communities. With 35 years of experience in epidemiological and public health research, teaching, and practice in maternal and child health at the community, state and national levels, his career includes positions at both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Florida Department of Health. In addition to his work with the FPQC, Dr. Sappenfield’s contributions include adapting an applied approach to investigating a community’s “perinatal periods of risk” and developing core state indicators for monitoring pre-pregnancy health.

The Healthcare Hero Award is named after employee health expert Jack Mahoney, MD, MPH, who serves as Medical Director for the Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value and has dedicated his career to promoting value-based design, breaking barriers to healthcare access and keeping patients at the center of care.

Most Engaged Employer Award

Sponsored by AdventHealth, this year’s Most Engaged Employer Award was presented to the Florida Bankers Health Consortium for their high level of commitment to the Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value’s efforts to drive value in health care. An employer member since 2017, the Florida Bankers Health Consortium is a multiple employer welfare arrangement (MEWA), providing more than 47 banks and trusts throughout the state of Florida with access to competitive healthcare benefits. In 2020, they demonstrated an exceptional level of participation in a number of Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value projects and events.