



Allen Teague
Human Services Coordinator I
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Waccamaw Center for Mental Health (WCMH) nominates Allen Teague of the Homeless Outreach Staff for the 2020 Louise R. Hassenplug Outstanding Clinician Award. Mr. Teague was directly involved in providing service to more than 421 homeless people and/or their families. He has been with Waccamaw Center for Mental Health for 24 years and has done an excellent job in building a strong and successful Homeless Outreach program. For the last 18 years he has worked under a Health and Human Services grant, which has paid for two mental health counseling specialists and their expenses to do outreach in the community. Collectively, he and his co-workers provided 402 mental health referrals, 794 alcohol and drug referrals, and 1,080 medical linkage referrals. The data from the Grant indicate more than 14,625 duplicated participants' interventions were overseen by Mr. Teague.

Mr. Teague presently serves on two boards of directors: the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Homeless Continuum of Care and the HUD Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) for affordable housing, including specialized housing for low income elderly.

In addition to receiving several awards for meritorious service, Mr. Teague also has the honor of being nominated for the Louise R. Hassenplug Outstanding Clinician Award twice.

It requires a certain personality type and unique character to sustain the Homeless Outreach program. Mr. Teague has been able to build rapport and earn the trust of both patients and community members. He continues to go above and beyond expectations and has received a Substantially Exceeds overall rating on his last six yearly performance reviews due to exceptional work. Mr. Teague's role is integral to the ongoing success of the Homeless Outreach program.

Al played an important role in the Eastern Carolina Homeless Coalition (ECHO) helping to secure more than 15 different federal grants totaling more than \$2,300,000 per year to provide services to homeless veterans and their families.