

It is my distinct honor to nominate **Amelia McClelland, PhD**, for the Collaborative Family Healthcare Association's Pediatric Integrated Behavioral Health Award. Dr. McClelland exemplifies integrated, equitable, and holistic pediatric behavioral health care through exceptional clinical service, innovative program development, workforce training, and a steadfast commitment to improving outcomes for children and families in the Yakima Valley and beyond.

Since joining Community Health of Central Washington (CHCW), Dr. McClelland has made extraordinary contributions to pediatric integrated primary care behavioral health. Most notably, she played a pivotal role in establishing **CHCW's School-Based Health Clinic**, expanding access to behavioral health services for youth who might otherwise face significant barriers to care.

Since 2018, Dr. McClelland has completed more than **8,000 Primary Care Behavioral Health visits** and over **2,000 warm handoffs (WHOs)**. She simply walks the walk when it comes to integrated care. She averages approximately nine patient visits and three WHOs per day at Yakima Pediatrics (simply astounding for a clinician to do every year for almost a decade), one of CHCW's clinics serving patients ages 0–21. Since 2023 alone, she has provided care to more than **1,200 unique patients**.

Working within a Federally Qualified Health Center, Dr. McClelland has dedicated her career to serving vulnerable and historically underserved youth. She has a particular passion for supporting LGBTQ+ youth and families and was instrumental in helping establish CHCW's Gender Clinic, expanding access to affirming care and support for transgender youth.

As a PCBH Attending, Dr. McClelland provides exceptional supervision, feedback, and guidance to trainees while helping develop the next generation of integrated care providers. She routinely coaches medical residents in patient-centered communication and pediatric behavioral health skills, and learners consistently rate her teaching and supervision at the highest levels. Her mentorship has shaped numerous clinicians who now carry forward the principles of integrated behavioral health care in their own practice settings.

Dr. McClelland's influence extends far beyond CHCW through her national leadership and educational contributions. She has delivered presentations and workshops through CFHA, the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, the National Psychology Training Consortium, the Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and other professional organizations. Her work has advanced best practices in school-based integrated care, gender-affirming care, addressing weight bias with youth and families, provider wellness, youth resilience, and workforce development. She also serves in leadership roles within

CFHA's Pediatric Special Interest Group and has contributed to multiple Extended Learning Opportunities and conference presentations.

Her colleagues recognized her contributions by selecting her as **CHCW's PCBH Faculty of the Year** for the 2022–2023 academic year.

Through innovative program development, extraordinary clinical service, dedication to workforce development, and commitment to equitable care, Dr. McClelland has made a profound and lasting contribution to pediatric integrated behavioral health.

I can think of no individual more deserving of this recognition. I enthusiastically and wholeheartedly recommend Dr. Amelia McClelland for the **CFHA Pediatric Integrated Behavioral Health Award**.