



P A J A R O V A L L E Y  
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The Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust is honored to announce the winners of the **2019 Phil Rather Award for Leadership in Healthcare, Dr. Amy McEntee, CMO, Salud Para la Gente, and Georgina Ibarra, Mental Health Client Specialist and Matt Nathanson, Public Health Nurse, both of Homeless Persons' Health Project.**

Under **Dr. Amy McEntee's** leadership, Salud Para La Gente, a safety-net clinic providing affordable, high-quality healthcare to individuals in the Pajaro Valley, has grown substantially in clinical capacity, improving access to care for the community and earning Salud national recognition for healthcare effectiveness, including acknowledgment for contributing to the 59% reduction in teen pregnancy in Santa Cruz County. With collaborators Watsonville Community Hospital and Kaiser Permanente, Dr. McEntee established the first OBGYN 24/7 Hospitalist program in Santa Cruz County. The program reintroduced certified nurse midwives to Watsonville Community Hospital and resulted in a 16% reduction in Cesarean Section deliveries surpassing Healthy People 2020 targets.

Dr. McEntee serves on the board of Friends of Human Relations, the Board of Good Shepard Catholic School in Santa Cruz, California and volunteers at Casa de la Cultura.

**Georgina Ibarra and Matt Nathanson** have been an effective team for The Homeless Persons' Health Project, which works to eliminate homelessness in our community, together accomplishing systemic and individual solutions to problems homeless persons face. Matt provides outstanding nursing care with a true public health approach while Georgina provides housing support, home visits and advocacy for services. They conduct community health outreach, coordinate care, do assessments and provide support services to clients in permanent supportive housing, participate in community meetings, and go out of their way to advocate for access to services and social justice for the people they work with. They embody the mission of social justice and compassion for all people. Their contributions over the last two decades for the most vulnerable and underserved individuals in the community are of tremendous value to the entire community.