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**Local Health Organization Staff Member Honored for Distinguished Service**

At the Michigan Primary Care Association's (MPCA) 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Awards ceremony held October 12, 2010, the non-profit association representing Community Health Centers honored Betty Shelton, Director of Human Resources and Compliance at The Wellness Plan Medical Centers, for her distinguished service.

The MPCA Distinguished Service Award honors commitment, dedication, and outstanding service on behalf of patients of Michigan Community Health Centers.

"Betty Shelton exemplifies outstanding service, not only because of her commitment to efficiently administering the Centers' human resources operations, but also because of her ability to make meaningful contributions to the personal and professional development of others. For her, customer service is not a department, it is a philosophy," said Anthony King, FACHE, MHSA, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, The Wellness Plan Medical Centers.

The Wellness Plan Medical Centers provides comprehensive, quality, affordable health care to residents of Detroit. It is one of Michigan's 31 Community Health Center organizations that together operate over 160 sites across the state, providing care to nearly 600,000 patients each year regardless of insurance status or income. They are part of a nationwide network of 1,250 Community Health Centers that 20 million people call their health care home. That number is expected to double within the next five years as \$11 billion in funding under the Affordable Care Act is awarded to Health Centers. Community Health Center services are tailored to meet the unique needs of patients and surrounding communities, providing primary care, dental care, behavioral health care, pharmacy services, and much more.

**About Michigan Primary Care Association**

Michigan Primary Care Association has been the voice for Community Health Centers and other community-based providers in Michigan since 1980. It is a leader in building a healthy society in which all residents have convenient and affordable access to quality health care. MPCA's mission is to promote, support, and develop comprehensive, accessible, and affordable quality community-based primary care services to everyone in Michigan. For more information, please visit [www.mPCA.net](http://www.mPCA.net) or call 517.381.8000.

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*Michigan Primary Care Association Executive Director Kim Sibilsy, and Board Chair Chris Shea presented Betty Shelton of The Wellness Plan Medical Centers with a 2010 Distinguished Service Award on behalf of Michigan Community Health Centers.*

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