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## TENNESSEE TEAM AWARDED FOR POLICY WORK

Tennessee has been awarded a National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) State Primary Care and Health Policy Team Award. The participants in the team awarded are Philip Grimm from the Tennessee Department of Health Tennessee, Kathy Wood-Dobbins from the Tennessee Primary Care Association and Melissa Hargiss, Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration.

Tennessee was selected for past, present and future initiatives that favorably impact federally qualified community health centers. The policy work done to establish health care homes and safety net services for the uninsured and underinsured in the state played a huge part in the team's recognition. IT innovation, such as the tremendous accomplishments realized by the Community Health Network was also lauded through this award.

For more information on the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) go to [www.nashp.org](http://www.nashp.org).

Tennessee Primary Care Association (TPCA) is a nonprofit corporation connecting Tennesseans with a health care home, especially the medically underserved. Since its inception in 1976, TPCA committed to 1) identifying unmet needs and gaps in service access, 2) developing systems of care, 3) advocating for resources, and 4) promoting awareness of Community Health Centers. Membership includes non-profit primary care clinics across the state operating over 140 sites providing comprehensive medical care.