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## DOH-PINELLAS PHYSICIAN RECOGNIZED WITH STATE AWARD FOR HOMELESS CARE



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*Dr. Raju Mungara (center) with DOH-Pinellas staff who serve homeless clients.*

In recognition of his dedicated health service to the homeless, Dr. Raju Mungara was named the winner of the Florida Association of Community Health Centers' Jessie Trice Outstanding Clinician Award.

The Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas) physician provides services at the Bayside Health Clinic and on the Pinellas County Mobile

Medical Unit (MMU), a vehicle that takes health services to locations accessible to homeless people. Dr. Mungara has been serving this population since 2006.

The award is named after Jessie Collins Trice, the first African American graduate of the University of Miami's School of Nursing and a champion for health care for the underserved. The association represents more than 500 health centers that serve 1.4 million Floridians who are uninsured, covered by Medicaid or have very low incomes.

The MMU and the freestanding Bayside Medical Clinic at 14808 49<sup>th</sup> St. N., Clearwater, serve the homeless with funding from the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners. Both are staffed by DOH-Pinellas employees, including Dr. Mungara.

"He remains a true advocate for the patient and for access to care for all," said DOH-Pinellas Director Dr. Ulyee Choe. "His peers and staff know him as a caring professional who treats everyone with respect and compassion while delivering the highest quality of care. Dr. Mungara richly deserves this recognition."

Patient satisfaction surveys show that his patients appreciate the care he delivers. As a client wrote, "Dr. Mungara cares about you. That is special."

The award was presented to Dr. Mungara at the association's annual conference in Fort Lauderdale on July 31.

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