

## 2022 Excellence in Governance Award Nominee



***Mary Laborde, Board Member***

*Dallas County Hospital, Perry*

- Years of service at the hospital/organization = 11
- Years of service in health care = 11

### **Nomination No. 1**

*Angela Mortoza, CEO*

*Dallas County Hospital, Perry*

Mary Laborde has been on the Dallas County Hospital Board since January 2009. She is a participant on the hospital quality committee. Mary is supportive and, at the same time, challenges the leadership staff to drive accountability. She has been a leader in helping set specific aims and goals in quality and our patient satisfaction.

As a board member, she champions the importance of exceptional board leadership. She has her trustee certification through IHA and has been instrumental in encouraging the full board to work

toward this certification. Recently, she served on the IHA Governance Forum committee aimed at education for board trustees.

As a community advocate, she serves on 100+ People for Perry. This organization's mission is to invest in Perry's future by supporting charities, nonprofits and worthy projects that advance the quality of life and the betterment of the Perry community. All the contributions stay in the community.

Mary has worked with management, community members and medical staff on helping to create Dallas County Hospital's strategy, mission and vision. During our recent facility master planning, she was a member on the steering committee. She made it a priority to be present at all the meetings.

Mary's fellow board members, providers, staff and leadership team look up to as a leader for Dallas County Hospitals. I highly recommend her for this prestigious award.

## **Nomination No. 2**

*Cindy Peeler, Chief Clinical Officer and Nurse Executive*

*Dallas County Hospital, Perry*

Mary Laborde has been a member of our hospital board of trustees for 11 years. When I came to Dallas County Hospital almost five years ago, Mary was our board chair. She left our board because of personal reasons in 2018 but did not ever completely disconnect. Mary returned to our board of trustees in 2020 during the pandemic because she is so committed to this community and organization.

Mary is very involved at the hospital and with IHA. She served on the planning committee for IHA's Governance Forum. Mary attends numerous education opportunities and asks about learning more about critical access hospitals and rural health clinics.

Mary was involved directly with our trauma level 4 reverification survey this year. She was very involved in our master facility planning meetings and our Ignite the Patient Experience Assessment.

Mary is a member of our Board Executive Committee, Board Finance Committee and Board Quality Committee.

Mary is very engaged in Dallas County Hospital and takes us to task if we have not or are not holding ourselves to the highest of standards. Mary should be the representative for all board trustees. She deserves this recognition for all her hard work and support of the hospital and the communities in Dallas County.

### **Nomination No. 3**

*Roberta Carpenter, Director of Inpatient and Emergency Services - Infection Control*

*Dallas County Hospital and Family Medical Clinics, Perry*

Mary Laborde works diligently to serve her community and surrounding communities to see that they have access to high quality health care. Mary is always eager to work with the medical staff and administration team to promote the many services offered by the hospital and family medical clinics.

Part of my job is to serve as trauma nurse coordinator for Dallas County Hospital. Recently, I had the pleasure of working with Mary during our state recertification process. Mary was present during our recertification review and offered insightful responses to the questions asked of her. Mary received high praise from the survey team for her dedication to our health care system and her community.

I have great respect for Mary, as does the administration and medical staff of Dallas County Hospital. She is truly a leader in our hospital and our community. Mary works every day to be a liaison for her community and her health care system, assuring that the communities in Dallas County have the highest quality of health care available. Mary is well-respected by her board peers as well as the medical staff at Dallas County Hospital and Family Medical Clinics and her community. Mary showed her dedication to her community and her position on the board by completing the IHA Hospital Board Certification Program. Dallas County Hospital and Family Medical Clinics is so fortunate to have Mary Laborde on our leadership team.

### **Summary**

Mary Laborde has been an active board member on the Dallas County Hospital Board for 11 years. She shows great commitment and dedication to Dallas County Hospital and the community. Mary's fellow board members, staff, leadership team and physicians look up to her as a leader for Dallas County Hospital.

## **IHA involvement**

### ***Education:***

- 2022 Governance Forum
- 2022 Hospital Day on the Hill
- 2021 Annual Meeting
- 2021 Governance Forum
- 2021 Hospital Day on the Hill

### ***Board/Council memberships:***

- 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019 classes, Certified Trustee