



Community Recognition Award



Pictured from left to right: Sherri Mitchell-FCBHA Intellectual Disabilities Deputy Administrator, Commissioner Vincent Vicites, Jane Ann Bielecki, Commissioner Scott Dunn, David W. Rider-FCBHA Administrator/CEO.

The Community Recognition Award (CRA) is an acknowledgement from the Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Advisory Board. The CRA is presented annually to an individual, community organization, advocacy group, current or former employee or volunteer who has made a difference in the lives of people in recovery, children and adults with mental health needs, individuals with intellectual disabilities, and/or those on the Autism Spectrum. CRA recipients have aided in significant positive outcomes in the lives of Fayette County residents or community systems of care.

The 2021 CRA winner is Ms. Jane Ann Bielecki, former FCBHA Administrative Services Supervisor. Ms. Bielecki was nominated by Ms. Lisa A. Ferris, former FCBHA Administrator/CEO. Ms. Bielecki recently retired from FCBHA after 25 years of employment. In her nomination, Ms. Ferris stated that Jane Ann, a Miracle League of PA Laurel Highlands (MLPLH) board member, has made it possible for youth with disabilities to participate in an organized baseball league. She was instrumental in finding a home field for MLPLH. For many years during her FCBHA employment, Jane Ann improved mental health consumers' holidays by donating and delivering gifts to State Hospitals and local personal care homes. She has on numerous occasions assisted adults with mental illness to locate homes and other community resources so they can live independently and has done much more in her personal mission to improve the lives of all in need. Congratulations Jane Ann on this much deserved award!