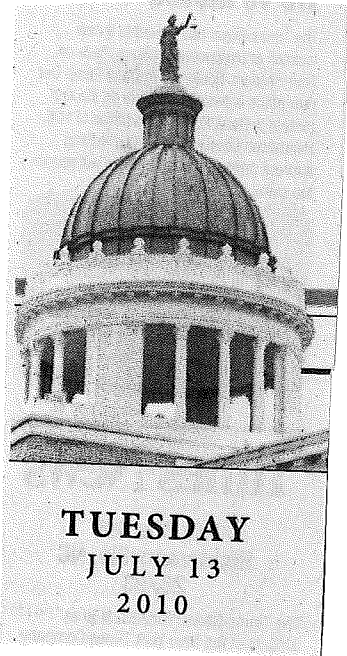


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Trani receives statewide award

The North Carolina Community Health Center Association has named Paul Trani, M.D., of Blue Ridge Community Health Services its "2010 Outstanding Provider." This award recognizes an outstanding health center provider each year.



Trani

Candidates for the award, including physicians, midlevel practitioners, nurses and dentists, should demonstrate, over a period of time, a level of excellence and performance that sets them apart in a distinctive manner.

Trani has been an integral part of BRCHS for six years as a board-certified pediatrician. He also functions as the medical director of three school-based health centers and has been a major force in the creation of a fourth center to be opened in August.

His co-workers say Trani has excellent rapport with his patients, their families, his peers and support staff. He is a champion for access to quality health care for all, not only through his work at BRCHS, but also in the community.

Trani serves on the Board of the Children and Family Resource Center, a local nonprofit, and is a team member of the United Agenda for Children, which is a three-year initiative led by a coalition of residents, civic leaders, businesses, government and community agencies who have united to make sure every child in Henderson County is safe, healthy and well-educated.

Trani also was a featured speaker at two town hall meetings held by UAC (in 2007 and 2010) each session, which drew hundreds of participants. His passion for child rights and safety extends to his service on the Henderson County Child Protection Team; as a N.C. Foster and Adoptive Parent Association Educator and Peer Facilitator; and in his work with Henderson County Balfour Alternative School as Adjunct Faculty for Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Adolescent Health and Life Skills.

"Dr. Paul Trani is a model for how to deliver community-minded primary health care in a compassionate, creative and tireless manner," said Jennifer Henderson, CEO of BRCHS. "We are extremely excited about what this award means for Dr. Trani personally, as well as the recognition it brings to our organization as a whole.

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