2020 Practice Greenhealth ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

System for Change

Instructions

The **System for Change Award** recognizes health systems that are **working cohesively to set system goals, track data, benchmark, and share successes in environmental performance**. Health systems must be comprised of at least **four hospitals**, all of whom must be current PGH members. A **minimum percentage** of the health system's facilities must also **win the Partner for Change Award** the same year in order for the system to receive this Award. This percentage varies by size. If you have a question about your eligibility, see resource below or contact your Member Engagement liaison or Awards Technical Assistance at 888-378-2259 or email **awards@practicegreenhealth.org**.

SFC Minimum Requirement

A **sub-system** of a larger health system may apply for SFC, but will need to apply the percentage rule to the size of the subsystem (e.g., if the parent system has 30 hospitals, but the subsystem applying for SFC has 10 hospitals, then the sub-system must have 90% of their subsystem's hospital members win the PFC this year).

Health System: Facility Information

1. Number of **hospitals in health system** or subsystem:

2. Number of hospitals **applying for the Partner for Change Award this year**:

3. Percentage of hospitals applying for the Partner for Change Award this year. Please compare this percentage to the minimum requirements above to determine eligibility. (Certain percent of facilities must win Partner for Change to qualify health system for System for Change award)

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4. In an effort to ease the burden of re-listing affiliate hospitals each year (for repeat System for Change applicants), Practice Greenhealth will now allow health systems to attach a spreadsheet with its current list of affiliate hospitals. Please attach a spreadsheet of the System's hospitals that are applying for the **Partner for Change award** this year, and indicate:

- Name of facility
- What type of facility: acute care (overnight beds and **operating rooms**), outpatient (no overnight beds) or long term care (overnight beds but no **operating rooms**).
- City
- State
- Member of Practice Greenhealth (Yes or No)

Download a spreadsheet template here.

Practice Greenhealth will verify whether each hospital has submitted and achieved at least a Greenhealth Partner for Change award and will verify that required threshold has been achieved.

Infrastructure for Sustainability

5. How does the system support the **execution of system-wide environmental stewardship policies**?

6. How are policies or initiatives **implemented, tracked, and reported back** to the system?

7. What is the **name of the committee** where greening activities take place at each of the System's hospitals / facilities? (E.g., Green Team, Environment of Care Committee, etc.)

8. Is there a **formal leader** for environmental stewardship identified at each facility?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

8.a Are these positions typically:

Select an option...

9. Is there a system-wide sustainability leader at the health system?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

9.a System-wide sustainability leader's name:

9.b System-wide sustainability leader's title:

9.c This system-wide sustainability position is:

- ( ) Full time
- ( ) Part time

10. Is there a **System-level Green Team** or equivalent with representatives from each facility that has oversight of all environmental initiatives?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No
- ( ) Other

10.a Please describe function of the System-level Green Committee or Team:

Please **summarize System-wide environmental stewardship efforts** below. Attach **policies and other documentation or narratives** as desired for each topic area. To get credit for a policy, it must be attached. Also, for each topic area, be sure to indicate if you have signed pledges or joined initiatives **as a Health System.**

11. How does the System provide strong **leadership** for environmental programs and sustainability across the health system?

12. Does the System have a policy governing these sustainability efforts across the health system?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

12.a Please attach policy governing sustainability efforts across the health system:

13. Other attachments related to sustainability efforts across the health system (optional):

14. Has the System set **publicly available sustainability goals** in 2019 (or as part of a 3-5 yr plan)?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

14.a Please describe any **publicly available sustainability goals** the System has commited to.

If these **publicly available** sustainability goals are the same as those shared on the Goals page of this application, you can also indicate that here.

15. Please summarize the System's efforts in **Waste Reduction and Recycling** (include Reduce/Reuse/Recycle efforts for **solid waste** and RMW reduction):

16. Does the System have a policy governing these waste reduction efforts?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

16.a Please attach waste reduction policy:

17. Other attachments related to waste reduction (optional):

18. Please summarize the System's efforts in **Mercury Elimination and Mercury-Free Purchasing**:

19. Does the System have a policy governing mercury reduction efforts?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

19.a Please attach mercury reduction policy:

20. Other attachments related to mercury policy (optional):

21. Please summarize the System's efforts around **Chemicals of Concern and Hazardous Waste Minimization**:

22. Does the System have a policy that aims to avoid the purchase of **chemicals of concern**?

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No

23. Does the System have a policy governing hazardous waste reduction efforts?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

23.a Please attach policy related to hazardous waste reduction:

24. Other attachments related to hazardous waste reduction (optional):

25. Please summarize the System's efforts in **Greening the OR**:

26. Does the System have a policy governing greening the OR efforts?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

26.a Please attach greening the OR policy:

27. Other attachments related to greening the OR (optional):

28. Has the Health System joined Practice Greenhealth's Greening the OR initiative?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

29. Please summarize the System's efforts in **Healthy and Sustainable Food**: Be sure to include programs and challenges your System has signed up for, such as meat reduction/balanced menu, **healthy beverages**, and local or sustainable food procurement.

30. Does the System have a policy governing healthy and sustainable food efforts?

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

30.a Please attach policy related to healthy and sustainable food:

31. Other attachments related to healthy and sustainable food (optional):

32. Please summarize the System's efforts in **Environmentally Preferable Purchasing** (No need to repeat efforts mentioned in other topic areas, such as a mercury-free purchasing policy reported above in the mercury section above).

33. Has the System informed its Group Purchasing Organization (GPO) of its commitment to sustainability and its desire to purchase more environmentally preferable products and services?

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

33.a Please explain how the System informed its Group Purchasing Organization (GPO) of its commitment to sustainability:

34. Does the System have a policy governing environmental purchasing efforts?

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

34.a Please attach environmental purchasing policy:

35. Other attachments related to environmental purchasing (optional):

36. Has the System signed on to Practice Greenhealth's **Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Pledge**?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

37. Is the System using the **Standardized Environmental Questions for Medical Products** in its purchasing process?

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

37.a Please explain how the System is using the Standardized Environmental Questions:

38. Please summarize the System's efforts in **Energy Efficiency**:

39. Does the System have a policy or plan governing energy efficiency efforts?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

39.a Please attach energy efficiency policy or plan:

40. Other attachments related to energy efficiency (optional):

41. Please summarize System-wide efforts in **Water Conservation** :

42. Does the System have a policy or plan governing water conservation efforts?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

42.a Please attach water conservation policy or plan:

43. Other attachments related to water conservation (optional):

44. Please summarize the System's efforts in **Climate Change Mitigation** :

45. Has the System determined its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions profile?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

45.a Please attach GHG emissions profile:

46. Does the System have a Climate Action Plan or policy governing these efforts?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

46.a Please attach Climate Action Plan:

47. Other attachments related to climate (optional):

48. Please summarize the System's efforts in **Green Building** :

49. Does the System have a policy governing green building efforts?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

49.a Please attach green building policy:

50. Other attachments related to green building (optional):

51. Has the health system signed on to the **Architecture 2030 Challenge?**

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

52. Has the Health System signed on to the **2030 Challenge for Products**?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

53. Please describe any other innovative system-wide programs not yet listed above:

Benchmarking and Information Sharing

Benchmarking and Information Sharing within your Health System

54. Please explain how the system routinely **tracks metrics** related to environmental program implementation and how it benchmarks progress:

55. How are metrics and benchmark data **shared with individual facilities** to assess progress?

56. Does the System utilize Practice Greenhealth's annual performance reports and the Sustainability Benchmark Report?

- ◉ Yes
- ○ No

56.a Please explain how the System utilizes the performance reports and the Benchmark report.

56.b How could these reports be improved to make them more useful to the Health System?

Benchmarking and Information Sharing Outside of your Health System

57. Please describe how the System is **sharing information within the broader healthcare community**:

58. Please describe the System's **advocacy work** that drives the healthcare sector toward **better environmental stewardship practices**. (e.g., presentations at national conferences, in academic settings, testify with governmental organizations, etc.):

59. Is there anything else you would like to share about the System's sustainability work?

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