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Eric R. Arzubi, M.D., Receives The Doctor Jack McMahon Service to Montana Physicians Award

Billings Physician Awarded for Important Healthcare Contributions

Helena, MT, October 22, 2020 – The Montana Medical Association (MMA) is pleased to announce that Eric R. Arzubi, M.D., of Billings, received one of the state’s top awards for physicians, *The Doctor Jack McMahon Service to Montana Physicians Award* during the 142nd MMA Annual Meeting on September 19th.

The Doctor Jack McMahon Service to Montana Physicians Award recognizes physicians who have made important contributions through advocacy efforts to improve patient care and to the advance the physician profession. Physicians are nominated by their colleagues and the award winner is selected based on several criteria. Doctor Arzubi was one of three physicians that received awards during the 142nd MMA Annual Meeting.

“Eric R. Arzubi, M.D., is recognized for his efforts to address Montana’s state-wide shortage of mental health and substance abuse clinicians by sharing knowledge, enhancing addiction and behavioral health delivery in Montana, and overall improving psychiatry care to Montana patients,” stated MMA President Marc Mentel, D.O. Doctor Arzubi serves on the MMA Task Force on Substance Use Disorders.

Eric R. Arzubi, M.D., saw the need for a Psychiatry Residency Training program and was instrumental in establishing the Montana Track at Billings Clinic, the first and only Psychiatry Residency Training program in Montana. He co-founded Frontier Psychiatry in 2019, the first telepsychiatry service in Montana, to introduce an accelerated, more aggressive response to Montana’s growing mental health crisis.

Doctor Arzubi also led the effort to increase physician access to support and improve care within mental and addictions services with Project ECHO, a telemedicine model that connects physicians remotely around the country to share information and review cases. He utilized Project ECHO’s research-validated method to establish an addictions and behavioral health collaborative, providing peer support for clinicians working with the Department of Corrections to care for offenders who are incarcerated or transitioning back into the community.

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