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June 23, 2015 -- A social worker at Dunham Army Health Clinic was recently recognized as one of the 2015 Champions for Better Health by the Partnership for Better Health.

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Hamilton received honorable mention. The awards recognized distinguished community volunteers, health professionals, business leaders, philanthropists and youth whose efforts play a vital role in advancing the health and wellness of our region. The Partnership for Better Health is a Carlisle community foundation that works with health-focused organizations throughout parts of Cumberland, Perry, Adams and Franklin Counties to positively influence the lives of our others, according to their website.

Hamilton was nominated by Joseph Vancosky, a deputy commander at Dunham for her work with the Family Advocacy Program here at Carlisle Barracks and other installations in the area. She provides domestic violence and child abuse intervention and counseling, along with educating the Community about domestic and child abuse prevention.

“I was surprised and deeply humbled when Mr. Vancosky approached me with the nomination,” she said. “I am surrounded by so many amazing people that serve our Community every day. I felt very excited to be considered a Champion for Better Health. It is amazing to receive recognition for the work

I have done. I am extremely passionate about taking care of our Service Members and their families, so it was really nice to see my passion has been noticed.”

Her main duties at Dunham are to provide emergency and crisis response in family violence situations. This involves providing safety planning, coordinating all needs of the family, and reporting to the Command regarding their Service Member's needs. Hamilton also provides Individual and Family Behavioral Health Treatment for Service Members and their families.

Hamilton also works to educate the medical staff and surrounding community regarding identification and reporting of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence through formal trainings, speaking at Central Penn College classes, attending installation activities, and working with Dickinson College and Cumberland County Domestic Violence Services to ensure a community-wide service approach when it comes to these issues.

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