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Excellence in BC Health Care Awards winners announced

VANCOUVER – The Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC) is pleased to announce the winners of the 5th annual *Excellence in BC Health Care Awards*. The *Excellence in BC Health Care Awards* honour the best in BC's publicly funded health care community. They recognize outstanding health care employees and reward innovation and best practices within BC's publicly funded health care providers.

The 2011 awards were presented June 20 at a special luncheon held at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Vancouver. Winners are:

Top Innovation - Affiliate category

Providence Health Care – Partners in Care, Rapid Access to Consultative Expertise (RACE) project

Top Innovation - Health Authority category

BC Cancer Agency (Provincial Health Services Authority) – Chemo SmartBook project

Workplace Health Innovation category

Vancouver Coastal Health & Vancouver Island Health Authority – Safety Coaching project

Collaborative Solutions category

Northern Health – RoadHealth project

Health Care Hero - Affiliate category

Carole Clark – Programs Manager, Mental Health Services (Bella Coola General Hospital)

Health Care Hero - Affiliate category

Glenda Phillips – Manager, Home & Community Care (Bella Coola General Hospital)

Health Care Hero - Fraser Health category

Cindy Gagne – Recreational Therapist Supervisor (Langley Memorial Hospital)

Health Care Hero - Interior Health category

Debbie Morgan – Team Leader, Public Health Nursing (Interior Health)

Health Care Hero - Northern Health category

Loretta Robinson – Manager of Medical Imaging (Prince Rupert Regional Hospital)

Health Care Hero - Provincial Health Services Authority category

Dr. Connie Coniglio – Director, Health Literacy and Clinical Director, Provincial Specialized Eating Disorders Program for Children & Adolescents and the Provincial Mental Health Metabolic Program (BC Mental Health & Addiction Services)

Health Care Hero - Vancouver Coastal Health category

Amanda Brown – Director, Re:Act Adult Abuse & Neglect Response Resource (Vancouver Coastal Health)

Health Care Hero - Vancouver Island Health Authority category

Dr. Marilyn Bater – Medical Director, Older Adult Mental Health & Geriatrics (Vancouver Island Health Authority)

Glenda Phillips of Bella Coola General Hospital was also presented with an additional honour, the **Provincial Health Care Hero award**. Glenda developed a partnership with Health Canada and the Nuxalk Nation to provide the community's first integrated home and community care program, seven days a week.

Awards of Merit were also presented in each of the four project-oriented award categories. Awards of Merit recipients for 2011 are:

Top Innovation - Affiliate category

- Providence Health Care – Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Link Nurses project
- St. Joseph's General Hospital, Comox – Extenway Bedside Terminal project

Top Innovation - Health Authority category

- BC Centre for Disease Control, BC Children's Hospital & BC Cancer Agency (PHSA) – Reduced Dosing Schedules for Gardasil® (Q-HPV) Vaccination for Grade 6 Girls in BC project
- BC Mental Health & Addiction (PHSA) – Provincial Specialized Eating Disorders Program for Children & Adolescents program

Workplace Health Innovation category

- Interior Health – iLearn - Staff Safety E-learning Modules project
- Prince Rupert Regional Hospital – Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention program

Collaborative Solutions:

- BC Mental Health & Addiction Services & Coast Mental Health Foundation – The Coast Cottage Forensic Mental Health Housing Program
- Northern Health, BC Cancer Agency (PHSA) & Ministry of Health – Northern Cancer Control Strategy

Visit www.BCHealthCareAwards.ca to learn more about the award winning projects and the great teams behind their success and to read profiles of the inspiring Health Care Hero Award winners.

The Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC) coordinates the human resource and labour relations interests of more than 270 publicly funded health care employers in British Columbia and represents denominational, proprietary and affiliate health employers, as well as the province's six health authorities.

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