

# Media Release

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### Excellence in BC Healthcare Awards Winners Announced

VANCOUVER – The Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC) is pleased to announce the winners of the 4th annual *Excellence in BC Healthcare Awards*. They are:

- **Lower Mainland Innovation & Integration Fund: Distal Extremity Project**, Providence Health Care (Vancouver), project leader: Cheryl Bishop - Top Innovation, Affiliate category
- **TelePathology/CoPath project**, Vancouver Island Health Authority, project leaders: Cathy Wenger and Lisa Moore (Vancouver Island) - Top Innovation, Health Authority category
- **Changing the Sheets project**, Interior Health (Penticton), project leader: Susan Filek - Workplace Health Innovation category
- **Integrated Care Clinic, Renal Program**, Providence Health Care & Provincial Health Services Authority (Vancouver), project leader: Dr. Monica Beaulieu - Collaborative Solutions category
- **Dr. Romaine Gallagher**, Physician, Clinical Assistant Professor, Providence Health Care (Vancouver) - Healthcare Hero/Affiliate category
- **Lucinda Schwab**, Public Health Nurse, North Surrey Health Unit (Surrey) - Healthcare Hero/ Fraser Health category
- **Dr. Edith Blondel-Hill**, Microbiologist, Kelowna General Hospital - Healthcare Hero/Interior Health category
- **Mara Cote**, Executive Assistant to Health Service Administrator and Manager of Executive Services (Prince Rupert) - Healthcare Hero/Northern Health category
- **Dorothy McNaughton**, Clinical Coordinator, Social Work, Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children (Vancouver)- Healthcare Hero/Provincial Health Services Authority category
- **Patti Zettel**, Primary Care Nurse, Bridge Clinic Nurse, Ravensong Community Health Centre (Vancouver)- Healthcare Hero/Vancouver Coastal Health category
- **Dr. Rivian Weinerman**, Site Chief of Psychiatry, South Island (Victoria) - Healthcare Hero/Vancouver Island Health Authority category

**Dorothy McNaughton** of Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children was also presented with the **Healthcare Hero Provincial Award**. For 38 years, Dorothy has been on the forefront of the most innovative changes in the treatment and lifestyle for children with medical fragility and severe disabilities.

The awards were presented June 21 at a special luncheon held at the Vancouver Convention Centre West. Emceed by local media personality and health expert Dr. Art Hister, the event showcased the many innovative and exciting initiatives taking place in BC's health sector and acknowledged those who help provide the best possible care to the people of British Columbia (*continued next page*).

### **Awards of Merit:**

Awards of Merit were also presented in each of the four project-oriented award categories. Awards of Merit winners for 2010 were:

Top Innovation, Affiliate category:

- **I's on the Street project**, Lookout Society (New Westminster), project leader: David Brown, Manager, Cliff Block Support Housing
- **Metabolic Syndrome Program**, Providence Health Care, St. Paul's Hospital (Vancouver), project leader: Susanne Burns

Top Innovation, Health Authority category:

- **Creston Valley Hospital Laboratory Kiosk Pilot Project**, Interior Health (Creston), project leader: Melanie AbedRabo, eHealth Integration & Education/Training Manager, IMIT
- **Bridges Project**, Vancouver Island Health Authority (Victoria), project leader: Kenneth Moselle, PhD - Manager, Performance Standards & Monitoring

Workplace Health Innovation category:

- **Innovative Disability Management: Through Team Diversity & Collaboration**, Interior Health (Kelowna), project leader: Darlene Doricic, Disability Management Specialist
- **Violence Prevention Team**, Vancouver Island Health Authority (Nanaimo), project leader: Tracy Larsen - Safety Team Leader & Violence Prevention Lead

Collaborative Solutions:

- **Locally Advanced Breast Cancer Clinic**, BC Cancer Agency (Provincial Health Services Authority, Abbotsford), project leader: Dr. Frances Wong - Chief Physician, BC Cancer Agency Fraser Valley & Abbotsford Centres
- **Renal Chronic Medication Reconciliation Program**, BC Provincial Renal Agency (Provincial Health Services Authority, Vancouver), project leader: Dan Martinusen - Clinical Pharmacy Specialist – Nephrology, VIHA and Chair, BCPRA Pharmacy & Formulary Review Committee

**Visit [www.BCHealthcareAwards.ca](http://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 Healthcare Hero Award winners.**

*The Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC) coordinates the human resource and labour relations interests of more than 275 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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