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2014 Excellence in BC Health Care Awards winners revealed

VANCOUVER – The winners of the 8th annual *Excellence in BC Health Care Awards* were announced today at a gala luncheon in Vancouver. Twelve Gold Apple winners and eight Award of Merit recipients were honoured. Recipients are remarkable health employees who are making a positive impact on BC's health system.

Presented by the Health Employers Association of British Columbia (HEABC), the *Excellence in BC Health Care Awards* recognize outstanding health care employees and reward innovation and best practices within BC's publicly funded health care providers. The awards shine a spotlight on health employees who are improving the provincial health care system and delivering outstanding care – both on the frontlines and behind the scenes.

“Over the past year, I've had the chance to personally witness many of our province's amazing and dedicated health employees in action,” said Health Minister Terry Lake. “The *Excellence in BC Health Care Awards* showcase the best in BC health care and celebrate the accomplishments of just a few of the incredible people working in our health system. I congratulate this year's winners and thank them for their service to the people of British Columbia.”

The awards luncheon concluded with the naming of the 2014 Provincial Health Care Hero – Pearl Broswick, a Diagnostic Imaging Technician at Dr. Helmcken Memorial Hospital in Clearwater for 38 years. Known as the hospital's “most valuable asset,” Pearl was the go-to person for all staff as she would have an answer to every question and a solution for every problem. She devoted herself wholly to enhancing health and community services for rural patrons, taking the term “above and beyond” to stratospheric levels.

“This year's winners are an inspiring group, who truly go the distance to provide excellent care to British Columbians,” said HEABC President & CEO Michael Marchbank. “They are people we can all look up to and I'm proud to be able to share their successes and accomplishments, and thank them for being outstanding health care employees.”

The 2014 Gold Apple winners are:

Provincial Health Care Hero & Health Care Hero – Interior Health

Pearl Broswick – Diagnostic Imaging Technologist (Dr. Helmcken Memorial Hospital, Clearwater)

Health Care Hero – Affiliate

Jill Blacklock – Registered Nurse, Cancer Care (St. Joseph's General Hospital, Comox)

Health Care Hero – Fraser Health

Sheila Finamore – Director, Site Operations (Burnaby Hospital)

Health Care Hero – Island Health

Marguerite Rowe – Executive Director, Continuing Health Services

Health Care Hero – Northern Health

Dr. Marius Pienaar – Physician Specialist: Obstetrician/Gynecologist (Prince Rupert)

Health Care Hero – Provincial Health Services Authority

Lori Roxborough – Therapy Leader & Evidence Centre Coordinator (Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children)

Health Care Hero – Vancouver Coastal Health

Anne McNabb – Director, Inner City Mental Health & Addiction Services

Top Innovation – Affiliate

Providence Health Care – Inner City Youth Program

Top Innovation – Health Authority

BC Cancer Agency (Provincial Health Services Authority) – Centre for Clinical Genomics

Workplace Health Innovation

Island Health – WorkSafeBC Duration Reduction Project

Collaborative Solutions

Interior Health – Medication Management: Acute Care Audit

Awards of Merit were also presented in each of the four project-oriented award categories. This year's Awards of Merit recipients are:

Top Innovation – Affiliate

- Beacon Community Services – Licensed Dementia Housing
- Cerwydden Care Centre (Park Place Seniors Living) – Ethical Framework Development: A Successful Journey

Top Innovation – Health Authority

- BC Centre for Disease Control (Provincial Health Services Authority) – Mobile Interferon Gamma Release Assay Testing Program
- Vancouver General Hospital (Vancouver Coastal Health) – Clostridium Difficile Infection Working Group

Workplace Health Innovation

- Island Health – Online Ergonomics Assessment Project
- Vancouver General Hospital (Vancouver Coastal Health) – Smoke-free Campaign

Collaborative Solutions

- Fraser Health – Community REDi program
- Northern Health & Interior Health – BC Rural Collaborative Partnership: Workplace Health and Safety

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The Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC) coordinates the human resource and labour relations interests of 250 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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