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To: All HEABC member organizations

Re: **Nominations now open for 8th annual Excellence in BC Health Care Awards**

Recognition is within reach – submit a nomination for a 2014 *Excellence in BC Health Care Award*!

The *Excellence in BC Health Care Awards* celebrate successes in BC health care and recognize outstanding health employees. We encourage you to nominate deserving teams or individuals in your workplace. All people working within HEABC member organizations are eligible for nomination. Nominations must be for work done in service to or on behalf of an HEABC member employer either as an employee or contractor.

This is a great opportunity to recognize and thank hardworking people in your organization and shine a spotlight on some of the great work and achievements happening in your workplace.

Award categories:

- Top Innovation – Affiliate
- Top Innovation – Health Authority
- Workplace Health Innovation
- Collaborative Solutions
- Provincial Health Care Hero
- Health Care Hero – Affiliate
- Health Care Hero – Fraser Health
- Health Care Hero – Interior Health
- Health Care Hero – Island Health
- Health Care Hero – Northern Health
- Health Care Hero – Provincial Health Services Authority
- Health Care Hero – Vancouver Coastal Health

The deadline for nominations is 5 p.m., Friday, February 28. Attached is a copy of this year's nomination brochure. For more information and to nominate online, visit BCHealthCareAwards.ca. You can also like the awards on Facebook (facebook.com/BCHealthCareAwards) and follow on Twitter (twitter.com/BCHealthAwards) for up-to-the-minute information on the 2014 awards.

An independent judging committee of academic, business and community leaders will select the award recipients. The awards will be presented at a special luncheon, held in conjunction with HEABC's AGM, on June 23, 2014 in Vancouver.

HEABC is thrilled to once again present the *Excellence in BC Health Care Awards* on our members' behalf. We hope you will encourage nominations in your workplace to showcase your organization's many successes.

Sincerely,

Betsy Gibbons
Chair, Board of Directors

Michael Marchbank
President & CEO

2014



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The 8th annual
Excellence in BC Health Care Awards



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Nominate a deserving person or team today!

Health care success stories happen every day. Behind each story is an individual or team of health care professionals dedicated to the delivery of health services in BC. You may meet some of these people face-to-face in your community, but many more work behind the scenes and often go unnoticed.

Presented by the Health Employers Association of BC (HEABC), the *Excellence in BC Health Care Awards* celebrate achievements in our province's health care community and recognize those unsung heroes who work each day to improve care for the people of British Columbia.

Awards are for projects that improve health care delivery in BC and for individuals who make a positive impact and inspire those around them.

Who is eligible?

Health care involves many different types of skilled professionals – nurses, care aides, physicians, administrators, support staff, maintenance workers and many others. All are eligible for an *Excellence in BC Health Care Award*.

Nominees must work within an HEABC member facility (or facilities) and nominations must be for work done in service to or on behalf of an HEABC member organization either as an employee or contractor. This includes doctors and other medical and non-medical staff who are not directly employed by HEABC member organizations but work within their facility/facilities and provide care or support to people in the region.

Project-based awards must have taken place during the past two calendar years (2012-2014). Health Care Hero nominations can be for a lifetime of achievement or for more recent successes. See the rules & regulations on the “Nominate” page at www.BCHealthCareAwards.ca for further eligibility details.

Who can nominate?

Nominations can be submitted by anyone including patients, colleagues or other members of the public.

How are the winners chosen?

Winners are selected by a volunteer committee that includes community leaders in business, science, technology, health and academia. Winners will be notified in late April 2014.

When are the awards announced?

Winners are publicly announced at an awards luncheon on Monday, June 23, 2014 in Vancouver.

What do the winners receive?

- **Hand-crafted glass Gold Apple sculpture and framed certificate for Gold Apple winners**
- **Framed certificate for Award of Merit recipients**
- **Public recognition at the *Excellence in BC Health Care Awards* luncheon**
- **Two complimentary tickets to the *Excellence in BC Health Care Awards* luncheon**
- **For Gold Apple winners residing outside Metro Vancouver, travel expenses and one night's hotel accommodation to attend the awards luncheon**
- **Profile and recognition in HEABC and *Excellence in BC Health Care Awards* websites and publications**

Help showcase BC's health care successes!

Awards categories

TOP INNOVATION – AFFILIATE

A project or best practice by an HEABC affiliate member that has brought fresh ideas or superior problem-solving skills to the health field. Affiliate members deliver an array of publicly funded, community-based health services, including long-term care, drug and alcohol treatment, and mental health services.

TOP INNOVATION – HEALTH AUTHORITY

A project or best practice by one of BC's six health authorities that has brought fresh ideas or superior problem-solving skills to the health field. Health authorities are responsible for acute, public health and complex/long-term care.

WORKPLACE HEALTH INNOVATION



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A project or best practice that makes use of leading practices to improve workplace and worker health and safety. Winning projects demonstrate leadership, vision and measurable results in improving the health and safety of health care employees, such as reducing sick time or workplace injuries.

COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS

A project or best practice that harnesses the collective efforts of a joint health care team that has yielded positive outcomes. Collaboration could be within one site or across multiple sites including non-health partners and interregional projects or teams. The project should demonstrate how an integrated approach yielded better outcomes.

HEALTH CARE HERO

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A Health Care Hero goes the extra mile to make a difference in health care. Whether for a lifetime of achievement or a recent contribution demonstrating outstanding commitment and dedication, a Health Care Hero is someone who all health care professionals can look to for inspiration.

Project-based awards

- **Top Innovation – Affiliate**
- **Top Innovation – Health Authority**
- **Workplace Health Innovation**
- **Collaborative Solutions**

In each of these categories, one Gold Apple and two Awards of Merit will be awarded.

Nominated projects must demonstrate excellence and innovation, leadership, best practices and measurable results.

Nominations are evaluated solely on the contents of the nomination form, so make it easy for the judges. Be thorough but concise, giving specific examples of how the award criteria have been met.

Individual awards

- **Health Care Hero – Affiliate**
- **Health Care Hero – Fraser Health**
- **Health Care Hero – Interior Health**
- **Health Care Hero – Island Health**
- **Health Care Hero – Northern Health**
- **Health Care Hero – Provincial Health Services Authority**
- **Health Care Hero – Vancouver Coastal Health**

Recognize a health care hero in your own community – a winner will be chosen in each of these categories. One winner will then be selected as the Provincial Health Care Hero – a health care superhero!

Provide specific examples of how this person has had a positive impact on health care delivery in BC, inspired others, and truly gone “above and beyond” the call of duty.

Nominate online at www.BCHealthCareAwards.ca

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