Spirit of Tomorrow Awards Presented to Oklahoma Hospital Employees

Forty-one hospital team members statewide received an Oklahoma Hospital Association (OHA) Spirit of Tomorrow Award during the 2013 OHA Annual Convention Nov. 21. The 41 front-line, behind-the-scenes and administrative employees, physicians and board members received the award because they demonstrated a spirit of successfully navigating and setting a course for the future of their department or the hospital by proactively addressing likely changes in the future.

Award recipients were chosen by their hospitals for exemplifying the Spirit of Tomorrow by providing a visionary and proactive approach to their particular service area; being a catalyst for progress in planning for changes in health care and the way hospitals do business; demonstrating innovative forward-thinking in his or her approach to problems and solutions; and fostering and demonstrating a successful approach that will lead to better preparedness in the coming years in the hospital or community.

“We are pleased to honor these special hospital employees who have dedicated time, talent or expertise to improve their organizations and their communities,” said Craig W. Jones, FACHE, president, Oklahoma Hospital Association. “These are the type of team members who, when they see problems, consistently work to solve them.”

Award winners are:
Atoka County Medical Center - Jim Lee, director of laboratory services
Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada - Angela Torres, MD, medical supervisor, Tishomingo Clinic
Comanche County Memorial Hospital, Lawton - Scott Michener, MD, chairman, Memorial Medical Group
Creek Nation Community Hospital, Okemah - Evan Jones, RT, radiology supervisor

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Duncan Regional Hospital - Roger Neal, vice president, chief information officer
Great Plains Regional Medical Center, Elk City - Lori Cloud, director of women’s center
Hillcrest Hospital Claremore - Lucinda McMahon, ultrasound technologist
Hillcrest Hospital Cushing - Tina Petersen, women’s health nurse manager
Holdenville General Hospital - Chad Short, RT, clinical operations manager
INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center, Oklahoma City - James W. Long, MD, PhD, medical director,
Nazih Zuhdi Transplant Institute
INTEGRIS Bass Baptist Health Center, Enid - Charity Goben, physician assistant
INTEGRIS Canadian Valley Hospital, Yukon - Jason Baird, director of pharmacy
INTEGRIS Health Edmond - Angie Kamermayer, RN, chief nursing officer
INTEGRIS Southwest Medical Center, Oklahoma City - Natalie Gehring, clinical nurse manager
Jane Phillips Medical Center, Bartlesville - Mary Deaton, physical medicine service line manager
Lawton Indian Hospital - Michael Holmes, director of quality and performance improvement
McAlester Regional Health Center - Denise James, customer service coordinator
McBride Orthopedic Hospital, Oklahoma City - Elaine Blackwell, RN, director of education
McCurtain Memorial Hospital, Idabel - Ashlei Jobe, RN, director of cardiac rehab
Mercy Hospital Ardmore - Charles Spencer, director of guest services
Mercy Hospital Ada - Amanda D. Moore, interim chief nursing officer
Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City - Richard V. Smith, MD, medical director, Mercy NeuroScience Institute
Mercy Hospital Watonga - Launa Kimble, MT, manager, laboratory
Norman Regional Health System - Kelly Wells, manager, corporate communications
Okeene Municipal Hospital - Jamie Peters, help desk coordinator
Pauls Valley General Hospital - Kari Howard, RN, house supervisor
Perry Memorial Hospital - Paula Foster, RN, nurse
Purcell Municipal Hospital - Chelsi Cooper, RN, infection preventionist/employee health
Select Specialty Hospital – Oklahoma City - Judy Kay, director of business development
St. Anthony Hospital, Oklahoma City - Debbie Attebery, director, diagnostic services
St. Anthony Shawnee Hospital - Cheryl Bowden, exceptional experience coordinator
St. John Broken Arrow - Todd Wells, radiology manager
St. John Medical Center, Tulsa - LaShawna Brown, director, medical staff services and credentialing
St. John Owasso - Karie Jones, auxiliary coordinator
St. John Sapulpa - Mark Johnston, RN, staff nurse, endoscopy/outpatient services
St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center, Enid - Michelle L. Bays, St. Mary’s Physician Associates
Stillwater Medical Center - Alberta Bertenshaw, department manager, Joint Replacement Center
Tahlequah City Hospital - Julie Potts, director of performance improvement
The Children's Center, Bethany - Sydney Stell, LPN, education and therapy nurse
Wagoner Community Hospital - Terri Bias, RN, assistant chief nursing officer
Weatherford Regional Hospital - Kathy Riggs, director of laboratory

Established in 1919, the Oklahoma Hospital Association represents more than 150 hospitals and health care entities across the state of Oklahoma. OHA’s primary objective is to promote the welfare of the public by leading and assisting its members in the provision of better health care and services for all people.