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Hospital Association of Rhode Island Honors “Hospital Heroes”

Warwick, R.I. – March 15, 2017 – Individuals from throughout the state were recently honored at “Celebration of Excellence in Hospital Care,” an annual awards ceremony held by the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI). Employees from HARI’s member hospitals were recognized by the HARI Board of Trustees for exemplary performance and dedication to healthcare. In addition, the recipient of the Edward J. Quinlan Award for Patient Safety Excellence was honored.

Recipients of the Award for Excellence in Hospital Care include:

Micaela Condon, Therapist, Butler Hospital (*Resident of Riverside*)

Yvonne Britto, Lead Milieu Therapist, Fatima Hospital (*Resident of Woonsocket*)

Lisa Ferry, Registered Nurse, Kent Hospital (*Resident of Warwick*)

Theresa Pinard, Registered Nurse, Landmark Medical Center (*Resident of Lincoln*)

Donald MacDonald, Clinical Coordinator, Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island (*Resident of Attleboro, MA*)

Jill Lizotte, Registered Nurse, Providence VA Medical Center (*Resident of Coventry*)

Kathryn McCullough, MSW Social Worker, Roger Williams Medical Center (*Resident of Killingly, CT*)

Barbara Renner, Patient Financial Advocate, South County Hospital (*Resident of Wakefield*)

Joanne Miller, Patient Coordinator Team Leader, Westerly Hospital (*Resident of Narragansett*)

Dana Ciolfi, Medical Technologist, Women & Infants Hospital (*Resident of Narragansett*)

Fatima Hospital was the recipient of the Edward J. Quinlan Award for Patient Safety Excellence. Patients of the Total Joint Replacement Program at Fatima Hospital are benefiting from the results of a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary program aimed at optimizing care, improving patient engagement and enhancing post-operative recovery. Adequate pain control is a key component to recovery for total joint replacement patients. A multi-disciplinary team worked to enhance the multimodal pain regimen with the goal of better pain relief, decreased opioid use and increased range of motion. The program, which became a standardized process at the hospital following a successful pilot, also has resulted in decreased length of stay and enhanced patient satisfaction. The award is a tribute to Edward Quinlan who championed quality improvement and patient safety initiatives while he served as president of HARI for two decades.

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Pictures of the award recipients are available electronically by request.