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*Wisconsin Organization of Nurse Executives
Nurse Leader of the Year Award*

WHA Distinguished Service Award

WONE Nurse Leader of the Year Award



Diane Holmay, MSN

The Wisconsin Organization of Nurse Executives (WONE) has selected Diane Holmay, MSN, chief nursing officer for Mayo Clinic Health System (MCHS) – Franciscan Healthcare in La Crosse, for its 2013 Nurse Leader of the Year Award.



Diane has been a member of WONE for nine years and serves as an advisor to the nursing programs at Viterbo University, Winona State University and Western Wisconsin Technical College. She is a highly-respected chief nursing officer recognized as an innovator and a strong advocate for putting patients first. She has championed many key initiatives to strengthen nursing, including implementing a shared decision-making nursing structure within Mayo Clinic Health System-Franciscan Healthcare and leading the adoption of a relationship-based care model.

In support of her nomination, Dr. Tim Johnson, chief executive officer for Mayo Clinic Health System-Franciscan Healthcare, shared, "She is a visionary thinker – not only for the role nursing must play in the future of health care, but also for what organizations must become in order to serve the needs of our patients going forward."

Joe Kruse, chief administrative officer for Mayo Clinic Health System-Franciscan Healthcare, remarked, "Through her work, Diane has earned the respect of her medical and administrative colleagues at Mayo Clinic and MCHS. She is a collaborative leader willing to do what is needed to solve problems facing the organization."

WHA Distinguished Service Award



Mary Starmann-Harrison

WHA proudly presents the 2013 Distinguished Service Award to Mary Starmann-Harrison, president and chief executive officer of Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS).

HSHS is a multi-institutional Catholic health care system comprised of 13 hospitals and numerous physician practices across Illinois and Wisconsin. Mary joined HSHS after serving as the first regional president and CEO of SSM Health Care of Wisconsin.

Over the past three decades, Mary has successfully led numerous quality initiatives that have been recognized at the state and national level. She was part of the SSM Health Care team that received the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 2002 – the first health care entity to receive this prestigious award. SSM Health Care of Wisconsin hospitals and health care facilities also received multiple Wisconsin Forward Awards for quality during Mary's tenure as CEO.

Mary has been involved in state and national advocacy efforts as a member of the Board of Directors for the American Hospital Association, serving as the Chair of AHA's Regional Policy Board 5. She was the Wisconsin Hospital Association Board chair in 2006 and a member of the Wisconsin Hospital Association Board of Directors from 2000-2007, and again from 2009-2010. She is a Fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE).

In support of her nomination, Dr. Frank D. Byrne, president, St. Mary's Hospital, clinical adjunct professor, Department of Family Medicine, University of Wisconsin, shared, "Mary's leadership has had a domino effect on other health care facilities and on the health of Wisconsinites."

WHA President Steve Brenton notes "Mary can always be counted on to be a leading voice on advocacy... be it in Washington D.C. or Madison. She understands that connecting personally with lawmakers gets the job done, and she has a distinguished track record in helping WHA advance important policy objectives."

