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**Outstanding Nurse Leaders Recognized**

Orlando, FL, April 3, 2019 – During the second day of the unified 2019 American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination (AANAC) and American Association of Directors of Nursing Services (AADNS) Conference held in Orlando, April 3 – 5, the associations will honor two dedicated LTC nursing professionals with the Nurse Assessment Coordinator (NAC) of the Year and the Director of Nursing (DON) of the Year Awards.

**Jennifer Daley, RN, CDONA, SWOC, FACDONA, IP-C - DON of the Year**

AANAC and AADNS recognize Daley for her exceptional leadership as director of nursing services at Issaquah Nursing and Rehabilitation, Issaquah, Washington. “Jenn is the type of leader who totally immerses herself in her job to the benefit of all those around her,” notes Lori Martin, MDS coordinator at the facility. Martin nominated Daley for the award. “She is first and foremost a resident advocate. From early morning to late in the evening, she is working to enhance quality of life for residents.”

Outside of her facility, Daley works with local schools to endorse nursing as a career choice and collaborates with hospital providers to develop standards for continuity of care for residents discharging to her facility.

**Susan Packer, RN, RAC-CT - NAC of the Year**

Packer will be recognized for her leadership at the Susque View Home Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. “Sue is the biggest resident advocate that I know,” says Melani Stania, LNAC at the center. Stania nominated Packer for the award. Dedicated to both her residents and the staff at Susque View, Susan plays a significant role in the overall success of the facility. “She builds up all the employees to make them a better part of the interdisciplinary team and to help them be better at their jobs and be better caregivers.”

In addition to department head responsibilities, Packer organizes the Run for Residents 5K, raising funds for her residents.

The American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing (AAPACN), the parent association of AANAC and AADNS, is proud to recognize these outstanding nurse leaders.

**About AAPACN**

The American Association of Post-Acute Nursing (AAPACN) represents more than 17,000 long-term and post-acute care nurses and professionals through its subsidiary associations, the American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination (AANAC) and the American Association of Directors of Nursing Services (AADNS). Dedicated to supporting LTPAC nurses and healthcare professionals in providing quality care, AAPACN offers members best in-class education, certification, resources, and strong collaborative communities.

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