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Outstanding Nurse Leaders and Facility Recognized

Denver, Colo. April 6, 2018 – Two nurse leaders and one facility will be recognized for their leadership at the American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination (AANAC) Annual Conference in Las Vegas on Friday, April 13. Sarah Motta, BSN, RN, RAC-CT will be presented with the Nurse Assessment Coordinator (NAC) of the Year Award; Gina Faye Stevens, BSN, RN, RAC-CT will be awarded the Carter-Elmblad Family Scholarship; and Turlock Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Turlock, California will be recognized with the Best Practice of the Year Award. More than 900 long-term care nurses and professionals will attend the AANAC Annual Conference, April 11-13.

Sarah Motta, NAC of the Year

Motta will be recognized for her leadership at Seashore Point in Provincetown, MA where she is the clinical documentation coordinator/MDS coordinator, working closely with providers at the facility and in the community to establish a patient centered plan of care that promotes and establishes the highest level of wellbeing. “Sarah has the best combination of knowledge, heart, and critical thinking skills,” says Jillian Martin, DNS-CT, RAC-CT, senior healthcare consultant, CliftonLarsonAllen, who nominated Sarah. “She truly cares about the residents of the nursing center, the people that live in the independent housing, and how the overall community interacts with this population.”

Gina Faye Stevens, Carter-Elmblad Family Scholarship

Receiving a $3,000 scholarship to cover tuition and fees toward her doctorate of nursing practice, Stevens is an MDS coordinator at Fauquier Health and Rehabilitation in Front Royal, Virginia, pursuing her DNP at Shenandoah University. A true believer in the Eden Alternative care model, Stevens strives to interact with her peers and residents as if they were her family. “I strive to lead as a servant leader,” explains Stevens. “My mindset remains as, ‘What can I do for you, to help make your experience here today better?’”

Turlock Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Best Practice of the Year

AANAC recognizes Turlock Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (TNRC) for its implementation of the SMART (Safety, Medication Management, Assessment of Home Needs and Support, Rehospitalization Prevention, and Teach Back) Stay System. This best practice program addresses the continuum of care for residents starting from acute hospital discharge, transitioning to skilled care at TNRC, and continuing
home with necessary home health services. The program occurs in different phases involving all disciplines, residents, and families. Since implementing this program, Turlock has reduced acute hospital readmissions, reducing costs for the residents and families.

For almost two decades, AANAC has recognized those who demonstrate leadership and professionalism in long-term care. Awards are presented every year at the association’s annual conference.

About AANAC

The American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination (AANAC) is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to supporting long-term care professionals provide quality care for nursing home residents across the nation. Representing more than 15,000 members, AANAC has earned the reputation as the premier resource and network for long-term care professionals.

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