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American Holistic Nurses Association Recognizes Broward Health Imperial Point with the 2017 Institutional Excellence in Holistic Nursing Practice Award

Broward Health Imperial Point, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was presented the Institutional Excellence in Holistic Nursing Practice Award at the American Holistic Nurses Association’s (AHNA) 37th annual conference in Rancho Mirage, California, June 5-10th, 2017. The Institutional Excellence Award recognizes an institution’s incorporation of holistic nursing practices demonstrating the core values of holistic nursing and outstanding professionalism. The institution selected will have implemented innovative holistic approaches that will offer substantive advantages to patients, staff and the institution itself.

About Broward Health Imperial Point

Broward Health Imperial Point (BHIP), Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is a 204-bed licensed acute care facility that has established a reputation for quality care and excellent treatment. The BHIP Clinical Services’ governance structure has evolved to recognize the need to develop a dedicated council focused on holistic nursing care and practice and in 2014, the BHIP Holistic Care Council (HCC) was formed. This Council is interdisciplinary and works through transformational leadership. The primary goal is to foster an environment of healing throughout the healthcare environment with an emphasis on interpersonal relationships.

Since its inception, the HCC has developed and implemented a number of policies and programs to support the holistic practice of the nursing staff and patients including the Broward Healing Light Chapter of the AHNA, which has afforded the HCC unique collaborations and opportunities for chapter members to provide educational sessions. It has also collaborated with the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University, allowing graduate students to present at Quarterly Nursing Retreats; Monthly Grand Rounds and Quarterly Clinical Leader Retreats; and most recently a partnership with the Rwamagana School of Nursing in Rwanda, Africa, in which nursing textbooks and healthcare supplies were donated for relationships outside the community.

BHIP strives to continue to improve the hospital setting for patients, family and staff and is deeply committed to developing innovative programs and continued exploration through research.

About AHNA
At its founding in 1981, the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) adopted as its primary mission the advancement of holistic healthcare by increasing awareness and promoting education as well as personal community-building among nurses, other healthcare professionals and the public. This professional specialty nursing membership organization is becoming the definitive voice for holistic nursing for registered nurses and other holistic healthcare professionals around the world. Holistic nursing focuses on integrating traditional, complementary and integrative treatment opportunities to improve the physical, mental, emotional and relational health of the whole person.

AHNA delivers valuable resources, improves educational tools, and offers superior networking opportunities to a vibrant and expanding universe of healthcare professionals. AHNA currently services approximately 4,500 members through 130 local chapters/networks in the U.S. and abroad.

Holistic nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty with both a defined scope and standards of practice.

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