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Dr. Anthony Cook Receives Emergency Provider Award from the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) Nebraska State Council

Grand Island, Nebraska. March 1, 2021 - Officials with MEDS are pleased to announce that CHI Health St. Francis emergency care providers and Grand Island Fire Department will receive recognition from the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) Nebraska State Council on March 1.

In six different categories, the Nebraska ENA acknowledges innovators, leaders, and exceptional practitioners and those who continually go above and beyond the call of duty. This year, four of the six honors went to Grand Island professionals who have contributed in a special way to Emergency Nursing.

EMERGENCY NURSE EDUCATOR AWARD

For significant contribution to education and/or training that enhances the ability of emergency care providers to serve their customers.

Mindy Walters, Trauma Coordinator, St. Francis Emergency Department

EMERGENCY NURSING RISING STAR AWARD

Recognizing an ED nurse with less than 5 years of ED nursing experience who has made a significant contribution and dedication to emergency nursing.

Jordan Tjaden, Night Shift Nurse, St. Francis Emergency Department

EMERGENCY PROVIDER AWARD

Recognizing an ED physician or mid-level provider who not only provides great care to their patients but is also an ED nurse advocate.

Dr. Anthony Cook, Emergency Medicine, St. Francis Emergency Department

EMS AWARD

Recognizing an individual or service in the pre-hospital setting who has demonstrated excellence and promotes collaboration with emergency nurses.

Grand Island Fire Department

Winners, chosen by the council from submitted nominations, were scheduled to be recognized at the 27th Annual Nebraska ENA Fall Conference Award Ceremony. That event was postponed due to COVID-19.

Excerpts from nominations as follows:

Mindy Walters, Trauma Coordinator, St. Francis Emergency Department

Mindy embodies the essence of a nurse who always puts the patient first. She may no longer work at the bedside, but all the programs and initiatives that she leads helps to ensure that the patient will receive the safest care possible at all times. Mindy is never okay with status quo and is continually pushing her nursing colleagues and teams to perform interventions safer and more efficient for the patient. She is a firm believer in education and knowledge obtainment. She has worked hard to pursue all of her certifications. In fact, her determination empowered me to pursue my own personal obtainment of the Certified Emergency Nurse. I could not think of a nurse who deserves this award more than Mindy!

Nomination Submitted by: Amelia Swanson, CHI Health St. Francis Emergency Department

Jordan Tjaden, Night Shift Nurse, St. Francis Emergency Department

Jordan continually goes above and beyond for her patients. She is always rounding on them, making sure to keep them updated on their plan of care, assessing their pain, and most importantly ensuring that they are safe. She is very confident in her nursing assessment, and doesn't. She does a great job spending time with her patients at the bedside, developing a rapport with the patient and family, and showing empathy. She is always

thinking about the best thing for the patient, and including the patient in making decisions regarding their health care. Jordan is an exceptional newer nurse and well deserving of the Rising Star Award!
Nomination Submitted by: Amelia Swanson, Whitney Dubas, and Kiley Grzywa with the CHI Health St. Francis Emergency Department

Dr. Anthony Cook, Emergency Medicine, St. Francis Emergency Department

We are blessed to have Dr. Anthony Cook on our medical team here at CHI Health St. Francis. He is the epitome of our core values of reverence, integrity, compassion, and excellence. Dr. Cook is respectful of all staff and all patients. He works tirelessly to see the good in every single patient, ED registrar, ED tech, and ED nurse. He exhibits compassion daily and is the first to pull up a chair and speak one on one with a patient to ensure that we are addressing their primary concerns and needs. He treats each patient as if they were one of his family members. Nomination Submitted by: CHI Health St. Francis Emergency Department

Grand Island Fire Department

GIFD is a constant force in the Grand Island community from transporting critical patients to assisting with Stop the Bleed classes. They are always willing to volunteer and assist with any community function so the public is aware of the 911 services they provide. Throughout the past year, they have collaborated with our nurses to assure that all staff are trained and ready in various disaster scenarios which would potentially cause an influx of patients. More recently, CHI Health St. Francis and GIFD worked collaboratively in the spring with the advent of COVID-19 to ensure that the patient was transported safely and efficiently while also communicating with the ED to ensure everyone in the emergency room was prepared appropriately for safe care. Nomination Submitted by: CHI Health St. Francis Emergency Department

About MEDS

Headquartered in O'Fallon, Illinois. MEDS provides the management and staffing services to multiple facilities treating approximately 200,000 emergency medicine, hospital inpatient, telemedicine, and urgent care patients throughout the Midwest. Our commitment to efficient high-quality health care, supported by our accessibility, responsiveness, and management expertise, helps us deliver a personalized alternative to hospitals for their clinical outsourcing needs.

More about the NE ENA:

Our mission is to advocate for patient safety and excellence in emergency nursing practice. We envision our self to be the global emergency nursing resource and advocate for Safe Practice and Safe Care. Our values, derived from the vision of our co-founders Judith Kelleher and Anita Dorr, guide our priorities. And we place the highest value on our members for their contributions to the care of patients and their families, the emergency nursing profession, and our organization.

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