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## **Elliot Health System RN Receives Clint Jones New Hampshire Nursing Award**

CONCORD – The Foundation for Healthy Communities is pleased to announce that Anna R. Lamothe, RN, a registered nurse at Elliot Health System, as the 2016 recipient of the Clint M. Jones New Hampshire Nursing Award.

Lamothe, a graduate of Worcester State College, received the annual award during a special Nurses Week celebration held Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH.

The Clint Jones Nursing Award was created in 2006 by the Foundation for Healthy Communities to honor the memory of the former director of the Foundation's N.H. Nursing Workforce Partnership. The award recognizes a registered nurse practicing in New Hampshire for at least one year but not more than six years, who exemplifies quality, compassionate nursing care and demonstrates a commitment to a career in nursing.

Lamothe joined the staff at Elliot Hospital in 2014 and currently serves on the hospital's Fitch Unit working with oncology patients, and serves on the Unit Practice Council focusing on improving the delivery of patient care.

"We are pleased that Anna was selected for this year's Clint Jones Award," stated Jean Ten Haken, Chief Nursing Officer, Elliot Health System. "Her ability to perform the science of nursing, such as the tasks of physical care, in addition to taking the art of nursing which are the soft skills that nurses develop over a period of time, is exemplary. Elliot Health System and the profession of nursing are fortunate to have Anna."

In nominating Lamothe for the award, Sharon Kostansek, MS RN, CNML, Clinical Nurse Manager, cited both her support of her fellow colleagues and her dedication to her professional advancement, and highlighted her commitment to her patients and their families. "Anna exemplifies compassion every day, whether it's engaging the patients and their families at rounds or comforting them through a difficult time. She always goes above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of her patients and their families," offered Kostansek.

Between November 2002 and February 2005, the N.H. Nursing Workforce Partnership, under the direction of Clint Jones, distributed millions of dollars in forgivable loans to hundreds of aspiring nurses in college and practicing nurses who received specialty training or advanced degrees.

"Clint worked with extraordinary enthusiasm and commitment at the Foundation for Healthy Communities and with several other New Hampshire organizations to encourage people to pursue a nursing career," said Shawn LaFrance, the Foundation's executive director. "This award in Clint's name is one way to honor those who work so hard to care for patients across the state."

As they have every year, Clint's family, represented by his son, Matt, attended the ceremony held at Elliot Hospital to present the award to Lamothe.

"As always, it was a pleasure to be a part of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Clint Jones Nursing Award ceremony," stated Clint Jones' son, Matt Jones. "Like previous winners of the Clint Jones Nursing Award, Anna is truly a deserving recipient, exemplifying what it means to be a nurse and representing New Hampshire at the highest level."

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