



**PRESS RELEASE:** The Registered Psychiatric Nurses Foundation announces the 2018 Recipients of the **Awards of Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing Practice** that were presented on May 17<sup>th</sup> in Winnipeg, MB.

Three Awards of Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing Practice in the Clinical Domain were awarded:

**Laurie Shorting , RPN**

Laurie is a Clinical Nurse Specialist with the Addictions Unit at the Health Sciences Centre.

**Rhonda Martin, RPN**

Rhonda facilitates the Electronic Health Record Implementation as the RAI/NRS Coordinator at Selkirk Mental Health Centre.

**Sheree Warburton, RPN**

Sherry serves as primary nurse for children ages 7-14 at the Child and Adolescent Treatment Centre in Brandon, MB.

Two Awards of Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing Practice in the Leadership Domain were awarded:

**Beverly Moore, RPN**

Beverly led the development of eOrders, eMAR and eMed Rec Project that was implemented in all program areas at the Selkirk Mental Health Centre.

**Tracy Thiele, RPN, BScPN, MA**

Tracy Thiele is pursuing her PHD while she holds the Manager of Nursing Initiatives position with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

One Award of Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing Practice in the Research Domain was awarded:

**Karen Clements , RPN, BA, MA**

Karen is an Assistant Professor at the Winnipeg Campus of the Faculty of Psychiatric Nursing at Brandon University and has been principal investigator for three research projects as well as serving as co-investigator on two others.

One award of Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing Practice in the Education Domain was awarded:

**Cathy Demas, RPN, BGS**

Cathy is currently the Student Advisor, Psychiatric Nursing, in the Faculty of Health Studies at Brandon University.



Award Winners (L to R) Beverly Moore; Rhonda Martin; Tracy Thiele; Cathy Demas; Brittany Read (scholarship recipient); Karen Clements; Sheree Warburton; Laurie Shorting.

- The Registered Psychiatric Nurses Foundation's (RPNF) mission is to promote excellence in psychiatric nursing education, clinical practice, leadership and research. This is done through the awarding of scholarships to student psychiatric nurses and Registered Psychiatric Nurses in Manitoba and Canada who are pursuing their studies. The RPNF also annually recognizes Registered Psychiatric Nurses (RPNs) who have demonstrated excellence in their domain of practice.
- The Registered Psychiatric Nurses' Foundation Inc. (RPNF) is a volunteer-based organization that attracts and manages the gifts of many donors into a permanent endowment fund to meet its mission goals.

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