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PNCB's 2011 CPNP® Certification Advocate Award Recipients

GAITHERSBURG, MD (May 16, 2011) – The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, Inc. (PNCB) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2011 Primary Care and Acute Care Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (CPNP®) Certification Advocate Awards. Congratulations to Jody K. Gurtler, MS, APN, CPNP for her outstanding performance in promoting Primary Care CPNP certification, and to Vicki S. Stringfellow, MSN, CPNP-AC, CPNP-PC, NNP-BC for her outstanding performance in promoting Acute Care CPNP certification. The PNCB presented the winners with their awards during the 2011 NAPNAP Conference Awards Ceremony in Baltimore, Maryland.



Jody K. Gurtler, MS, APN, CPNP earned her MS from the University of Illinois Chicago in 2002 and is employed by the Carle Physicians Group where she provides health care for children and adolescents with challenging behaviors and developmental concerns in the Champaign, Illinois area. Her leadership role includes mentoring graduate nurse practitioner students, piloting the implementation of Schedule II controlled drug prescription dispensing by nurse practitioners at Carle Hospital and Physicians Group, and promoting certification for pediatric nurses and nurse practitioners. She supports inpatient pediatric nurses by providing leadership, encouragement, and mentoring in preparing them to take the PNCB certification exam and served as a Certified Pediatric Nurse (CPN®) on-site exam facilitator on three different occasions. When this project began, only 3% of the Carle Pediatric staff were CPN certified; now 95% hold CPN certification. She also has taken a very strong interest in promoting the role of the PNP in providing behavioral and mental health services by joining other experts in writing test items for the PNCB's new Child & Adolescent Behavioral & Mental Health Specialty Certification Exam.



Vicki S. Stringfellow, MSN, CPNP-AC, CPNP-PC, NNP-BC completed her acute care pediatric nurse practitioner Post-Master's certificate at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in 2009, her MSN as a pediatric nurse practitioner from Northwestern State University of Louisiana in 2002, and her neonatal nurse practitioner certificate from Ochsner School of Allied Health in 1986. She is an acute care pediatric nurse practitioner with the Heinrich A. Werner Division of Pediatric Critical Care at the University of Kentucky. She practices full time and serves in work groups and committees in both Kentucky Children's Hospital and the University of Kentucky HealthCare Enterprise. Throughout her career, she has actively encouraged nurses and nurse practitioners to seek and maintain certification. Vicki has served on committees for the PNCB since 2003, including the Acute Care Exam Development Committee, the Acute Care Standards Assessment Exam Committee, and the Pharmacology Standards Assessment Exam Committee.

The PNCB commends all 2011 nominees for their efforts. Information about the 2012 awards will be posted later this year at www.pncb.org, and we encourage all eligible CPNPs to apply. More than 95% of all practicing PNPs have earned the PNCB's trademarked credential CPNP®, and we look forward to serving the certification needs of all primary care and acute care PNPs.

The Pediatric Nursing Certification Board is the largest independent pediatric nursing certification organization in the country. Today, over 27,000 pediatric nurses and nurse practitioners hold active PNCB certification. For more information, call 888-641-2767 or visit the PNCB website at www.pncb.org.