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Nurse Practitioners and Advocates Honored At National AANP Conference

June 26, 2014 – Nurse practitioners and nurse practitioner advocates, recipients of the prestigious American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) 2014 State Award for Excellence, were honored at an awards ceremony and reception held during the AANP 2014 National Conference June 17-22, 2014 in Nashville, TN. Jean-Claude “J.C.” K. Provost, DNP, FNP-C, APRN of Portland, OR was among the recipients honored.

The State Award for Nurse Practitioner Excellence, founded in 1991, recognizes a nurse practitioner (NP) in a state who demonstrates excellence in practice. In 1993, the State Award for Nurse Practitioner Advocate was added to recognize the efforts of individuals who have made a significant contribution toward increasing the awareness and acceptance of the NP.

Since 2004, Provost has been a primary care clinician with the Portland area nonprofit Housecall Providers (HCP), assuming the role of lead clinician in 2011. He is the current chairman of the Nurse Practitioners of Oregon and a mentor to third-year NP students from across the country including those attending the University of Portland, his alma mater. He also represents NPs as a member of the Health Share of Oregon Board of Directors.

HCP offers primary medical care and hospice services to adults who are unable to leave their homes without assistance or considerable difficulty. Provost is one of 22 HCP primary care clinicians making house calls to over 1,400 homebound patients in the Portland metropolitan area.

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The American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) is the largest professional membership organization for NPs of all specialties. It represents the interests of the nation's 189,000 NPs, including more than 50,000 members, providing a unified networking platform, and advocating for their role as providers of high-quality, cost-effective, comprehensive, patient-centered and personalized health care. The organization provides legislative leadership at the local, state and national levels, advancing health policy; promoting excellence in practice, education and research; and establishing standards that best serve NP patients and other health care consumers.

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