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Dear Community colleagues and partners,

At the annual American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet Nursing conference in Houston Texas, SVMC received the 2017 Magnet Nursing Prize today, October 11th. This represents the highest nursing prize that is bestowed on a Magnet-designated organization by the Cerner Corporation. The criteria for achieving this honor is **outstanding achievement in nursing innovation, leadership, practice excellence and structures that empower nurses and patients to achieve exceptional outcomes**. We were selected from 56 applicants from all over the world: “submission eclipsed the others by its nurse driven focus, the synergies gained through **interprofessional collaboration**, and the innovative reinterpretation and expansion of Dr. Naylor’s Transitional Care Model leading to the creation of an **integrated care delivery system**. All of these factors led to the achievement of significant measurable outcomes with the most positive impact on the community your organization serves. In addition, the committee was impressed with the scalability of the model to differing disease states. Evidence of a well-developed plan for dissemination reflects the great potential for broad national and international implementation.”

When we received word of this honor, our first thought was “it takes a village to do the incredible work WE have been able to accomplish together.” The only way our programs have been successful is because of support from clinical nurses and pharmacists, case managers, social workers, rehab team members, physicians, advanced practice providers, medical home case managers, SASH team, Community Care Team, Centers for Living and Rehabilitation team, support staff in all of our “partner” PCP and specialty offices, home care partners and ALL of the community agencies and partners that work collaboratively with us to create an “Accountable Community of Health.”

We feel so blessed to be working in a community with so many special people who have united together to do important, groundbreaking work to improve the lives of the people we serve. We are sharing this news with you today to let you know that this award represents the work of every member of the interdisciplinary team that seeks new opportunities to care for our community and improve their health and quality of life. When we accepted this award today in front of 10,000 nurses, we accept it for our community of health team. This recognition belongs to each and every one of you!

As a part of the award, we will be receiving a \$50,000 award to continue this meaningful work and disseminate to other locations. Vermont is on the map as a leader in successful healthcare reform. Congratulations to all!

Sincerely yours,

Billie Allard

Kathy Brandi

Karen Coppin

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