



## The Washington State Healthcare Safety Council

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2019

### The Elaine Carty Performance Improvement Award

Dear Healthcare Safety Professional,

The Washington State Healthcare Safety Council's (WSHSC) annual Performance Improvement Award is named in honor of Elaine Carty. Elaine was a dedicated WSHSC Board member who valued excellence in safety and infection control practices, and looked forward to the recognition and reward that such great efforts afforded. She worked at Whidbey General Hospital.

This year's safety contest continues the emphasis on Performance Improvement with Environment of Care standards. To enter all you need do is describe a performance improvement project or a significant achievement in safety that your organization undertook in 2019. Your organization **must be a member** of WSHSC to be eligible. Your organization will be recognized with an award plaque, a \$500 monetary award, and a Board member may attend a forum of your choice by which to promote and recognize your achievement.

Performance Improvement Projects are defined as any demonstrated accomplishment in any of the seven areas of the Environment of Care (general safety, life safety, emergency management, medical equipment, utilities, hazardous materials and waste management, and security).

The PI process should include a description of the following items:

- TOPIC (or problem statement)
- DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE
- ACTION PLAN/IMPLEMENTATION

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- RESULTS/CONCLUSIONS
- PROGRESS REPORT/EVALUATION (Measurable Improvement)
- NEXT STEPS

### ENTRANT INFORMATION

AGENCY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

### OTHER INFORMATION

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN APRIL 2020

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS MARCH 15, 2020**

YOU MAY ATTACH ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION YOU WISH.

(We may ask if you are willing to share your results and any supporting documents via the WSHSC website for others to view.)

**Mail your entry today to:**

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