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Local Healthcare Leader Makes National News

National long term care-focused Provider magazine has named local healthcare leader Bernadette Ledesma, MPH one of the “20 to Watch” for 2014.



Bernie Ledesma, administrator at Pearl City Nursing Home, was named as one of twenty healthcare leaders who are “driven to be the part of the solution that ensures quality care for people in need and thoughtful support and empowerment to the families of the people receiving care”.

Ms. Ledesma has contributed to the welfare of the elderly through her more than 30 years in geriatric healthcare in Hawaii. She is very involved in statewide and nation-wide initiatives related to long-term care including legislation, regulations, and guidelines that affect the long-term care community in general and nursing homes in particular. She serves on the boards of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii and Kokua Mau, and is a leader for the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society. She received a Distinguished Service Award in the long term care category from the Healthcare

Association of Hawaii in 2012.

“We are fortunate to have a professional like Bernie as a leader on our team,” said Randall Ito, Chief Operating Officer of the Ito Healthcare Group, which includes Pearl City Nursing Home. “She has freely shared her expertise with others to enhance the quality of care for residents and involve families in Hawaii’s long term care facilities. Bernie will definitely be one to watch this year as she continues to make a positive difference in our community. Bernie is truly a local girl at heart, caring for our kupuna and never shying away from fighting for what she believes in.”

“Bernie makes connections along the continuum of care, across the healthcare delivery system and community health,” said George Greene, President & CEO of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii. “She is well respected by her peers because she is such a natural leader, mentoring new members and colleagues and educating national and local elected officials on policy and regulatory issues. She has a vision for how we can collaborate together to improve quality care, and she is always taking steps to make it happen.”

The article featuring Bernie Ledesma is in the January print magazine and online at providermagazine.com (click on the 20 to watch icon on right hand side of the page).

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