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### State Leadership Award Goes to Villa Nursing Director

**September 12, 2017:** Uintah Basin Rehabilitation and Senior Villa (The Villa) Director of Nursing Amanda Hartman has been honored by the Utah Health Care Association (UHCA) with the organization's Leadership Award.

Hartman received the award Tuesday during the UHCA's annual Fall Convention at the South Towne Expo Center in Sandy, where she was surprised to find friends and family in attendance to celebrate the award with her.

"Amanda is very deserving of this award," said Uintah Basin Healthcare Chief Nursing Officer Bobby Richardson. "She's a great leader who always has the best interest of our residents and her team at heart."

In the two years since Hartman was named director of nursing, The Villa has earned two national awards for its commitment to providing quality care, and has consistently received high marks from patients and their families on independent surveys designed to measure customer experience. Hartman also successfully spearheaded the recent adoption and implementation of a new electronic medical records system with the aim of further improving patient care.

The successes haven't come without challenges, Richardson noted, but Hartman has proven she is more than capable of helping the team at The Villa overcome any obstacle they may face.

"She's always going to be positive and take the high road," Richardson said. "It's not always easy, but she never stops working to keep our team engaged and moving toward our common goal of providing excellent care for our residents."

Breanne Burton, a registered nurse who has worked for Hartman in a number of capacities at The Villa, called her "the true definition of a leader."

"She is always available for her team, whether it be work or personal," Burton said. "She truly cares about each of her staff and makes a point to check in with them daily. The Villa is a much better place to work and live because of Amanda's leadership."

Hartman joined Uintah Basin Healthcare in 2011, rising within a few months to manage the organization's Home Health & Hospice service – a promotion she earned thanks to her dynamic leadership style. Five years later, she accepted a new challenge and became director of nursing at The Villa.

"Amanda is the kind of nursing director every administrator hopes to work with during their career," Villa Administrator Jeff Chamberlain said. "She excels not only as a nurse, but as a leader who inspires others."

"People love to work with her because she is fair, open to new ideas, and supports her employees and others during difficult times," Chamberlain said. "She truly is a trusted resource for everyone in our organization and is worthy of recognition."

Uintah Basin Healthcare would like to thank Amanda for her leadership in helping The Villa accomplish their mission of providing compassionate care to every resident, every day.

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Uintah Basin Rehabilitation and Senior Villa (The Villa) is part of Uintah Basin Healthcare. A skilled nursing facility with a state license for 90 beds, The Villa provides short-term care for individuals who need physical and/or occupational therapy following surgery or illness, as well as long-term care for those who need assistance with activities of daily living.



Amanda Hartman received the 2017 Utah Health Care Association Leadership Award on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017. Hartman is the Director of Nursing for Uintah Basin Rehabilitation and Senior Villa. She is pictured with Villa Administrator Jeff Chamberlain, left, and Uintah Basin Healthcare Chief Nursing Officer Bobby Richardson, right.