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Nurse Practitioner (NP)

Samantha Stacks

NURSE PRACTITIONER, PRIMARY CARE, FOURTH STREET CLINIC

NOMINATION:
I am writing to nominate Samantha Stacks, a Nurse Practitioner at Fourth Street Clinic. Samantha embodies the true spirit of nursing, consistently going above and beyond to provide exceptional care. She treats the whole person, not only taking time to provide trauma-informed care but giving each person the respect and dignity they deserve. Samantha is a fierce advocate, an empathetic listener, a resourceful problem-solver and a strong leader.

Samantha received her BSN from the University of Toledo College of Nursing in 2013, followed by a Master of Science and Master of Public Health from Emory University in 2018. She joined Fourth Street Clinic in 2019, bringing with her clinical expertise as a clinic registered nurse, nursing assistant and Peace Corps Volunteer. Since joining Fourth Street Clinic, she has been vital to the clinic’s mobile clinic, bringing vital health care services to individuals throughout the Salt Lake Valley at homeless resource centers.

In addition to her outstanding clinical skills, Samantha is a natural leader and mentor. She is always willing to lend a helping hand to fellow team members and is highly respected among her peers. She takes on additional responsibilities with ease and is an active participant in quality improvement initiatives within our organization. Samantha illustrates strong intrapersonal skills and is a thoughtful, caring listener. Samantha’s communications skills have made her a key member of our Communications Committee, her attention to detail, critical thinking, ability to handle complex cases with confidence and patient advocacy are truly commendable.

Samantha also readily takes on leadership roles. She currently is a provider champion for a new project to improve patient outcomes, Atara. This new platform is touted to be the best practice for data-driven analytics, quality measurement and improvement. Samantha has been pivotal in identifying the gaps in care, leading the strategy for our alignment with the community's needs.

Samantha has a passion for community health and is actively involved in the Asian Association of Utah, assisting our partnership with an organization that supports refugee and immigrant youth and their families.

Samantha is an exceptional Nurse Practitioner who embodies the qualities and characteristics of a Top Nurse. Her dedication to providing excellent care, leadership and dedication to our community makes her an invaluable asset to our team and the nursing profession as a whole.

I wholeheartedly believe that Samantha is the epitome of a top nurse and fully deserving of the 2023 Top Nurse recognition.

ABOUT FOURTH STREET CLINIC
Fourth Street Clinic began in 1988 as a triage clinic with one part-time nurse; the clinic relied on hospitals for patient treatment. Today, it operates with nearly 90 people on staff with an annual cash budget of $13 million. Fourth Street Clinic addresses health disparities, and the complex needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness by providing comprehensive medical, behavioral health and dental services through an integrated care model utilizing the principles of Trauma Informed Care. In 2022, health care was delivered to 5,369 men, women and children in 23,830 visits, which includes 269 virtual encounters. The Fourth Street Clinic Pharmacy dispensed 60,124 prescriptions last year.

Fourth Street Clinic has over 30 years of experience providing services to vulnerable individuals and families. Reducing barriers caused by social determinants of health is key to accessible health care. According to the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion’s Healthy People 2030, many people in the United States don’t get needed health care services simply due to factors such as a lack of transportation, affordable housing, educational background, or discrimination. Even the neighborhood in which they live can be a barrier to accessing regular health care services. Without insurance, individuals are less likely to have a primary care provider and unable to afford the health care services and medications needed for preventative care and treatment for chronic illness—one in ten people in the US have no health insurance coverage.

Registered Nurse (RN)

Scott Maughan

LAKEVIEW HOSPITAL
LAYTON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

NOMINATION:
Scott is the Assistant Fire Chief at Layton Fire. He is a paramedic and a registered nurse. He works part-time as a nurse at Lakeview Hospital. I worked with Scott at Layton Fire for most of the 27 years I was there. He is a good man, an excellent paramedic and a compassionate and caring nurse. In October of 2021 my youngest son suffered cardiac arrest. After getting his heart started he was taken to Lakeview and admitted on life support. Four days later, Sunday, the scan showed he was gone. Scott was at Lakeview that day. He was there for me and my family. He surrounded us with love and care. He sat down with us and explained exactly what had happened and answered all our questions. He worked with the hospital chaplain and advocate to get my little grandson in to see his father. I know he is a very knowledgeable and capable nurse. I’ve seen him in action. He truly cares about his patients. He is able to perform his duties in any kind of situation. Scott loves his family, his Fire family, and his Lakeview family. He is an amazing nurse and a leader in his field.
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Registered Nurse (RN)
Ariana Agnew

WOUND CARE AND OSTOMY NURSE, OGDEN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

NOMINATION:
We are delighted to endorse Ariana Agnew as our nominee as a Utah Top Nurse. She is an outstanding Nurse with a rich background in patient care, wound management, and compassionate care.

Ariana, or as we call her – Ari, is a dynamic individual who possesses highly admirable characteristics of what constitutes an excellent Care Team member. She possesses exceptional intellectual ability and maturity that allows her to make critical decisions for administrative, clinical, and operational issues. She has earned great respect for her impeccable technical, problem solving, and decision making skills. Her passion, ability to motivate others, and commitment to high quality patient care is awe inspiring. She is very collaborative with all that she encounters and is so positive that she gets others excited about wound care and helping to get the problematic wounds healed. She leads our Skintegrity team and also leads our pressure injury prevention team. This is where she organizes, educates, and prepares a team to check and control the integrity of the skin for all of our inpatients in the hospital. She makes a mundane task fun and has everyone excited to be part of her team.

She has also been a member of the ORMC Employee Advisory Group to help bring forward ideas and suggestions from the hospital care team members. This allows them to have a voice and also choose fun and rewarding things for the whole hospital to be involved with.

Ari is also a member of our professional practice council. This is a group of nurses and nurse leaders that get together monthly to discuss nursing procedures, protocols, and problems. They work to improve patient flow and experience to ensure our patients have the best outcome opportunities. They address concerns and are the unit leaders to disseminate operational information to their teams to get them onboard.

Ari is very dedicated to our hospital. She began her career with us here as a student and has always felt like this was the right place for her. She has been a very valued care team member since September of 2013. She is always on call and is consistently available for consults with nurses and providers. She has also been known to stop by for a provider question while she is enjoying a day off. She understands that sometimes wounds won’t wait and is very helpful to answer questions or concerns. She is highly revered by the surgical team and Hospitalists for providing both competent and compassionate care to their patients. They know that if Ari and/or her team is on the job, it is going to be performed at the highest caliber. Ari has also joined the wound care products committee on a national level and is heavily involved in selecting and managing new and existing products on our formulary. This gives us an advantage to having insight on new and trending things in wound care and keeps us at the top of our game.

Ari is a staunch advocate for patients, always demonstrating the highest regard for patient safety and comfort. She is driven by a key philosophy to lessen the suffering of others. She holds our mission values near and dear to her heart and lives them each day. Ari Agnew is ALWAYS a Top Nurse.

Nurse Manager
Lynette Clements

INFUSION SERVICES, IHC - INFUSION SERVICES - IMC, ALTA VIEW, RIVERTON, PARK CITY, HEBER HOSPITAL CLINICS

NOMINATION:
Lynette has spent her entire career taking care of those who are being treated for Cancer. Before her graduation from Nursing School at the University of Utah in 1982, she did her clinical rotation on the Oncology Unit at LDS Hospital. She was immediately hired full time as a RN on the Oncology unit at LDS Hospital. Within a year and a half she was the Nurse Manager of the Oncology Unit at LDS Hospital. During her time as Nurse Manager the Bone Marrow Transplant program was started. She has been the Nurse Manager of LDS Hospital Oncology Department 2 different times. She also worked as a Nursing Supervisor at LDS Hospital for 5 + years, until, IMC Hospital was being built. She then became the Manager for Infusion Services for LDS, and Cottonwood Hospitals. When IMC was completed she was made the manager of Infusion Services for IMC, Alta View, and LDS Hospitals. Then when Riverton Hospital was built she took over that clinic. Since then she has been the Nurse Manager over Infusion Services for IMC, Alta View, Riverton, Spanish Fork, and American Fork Hospitals, all at the same time. Her responsibilities recently changed when a new manager was hired for Utah Valley, Spanish Fork, and American Fork Hospitals. At the present time she is the Nurse Manager for Infusion Services for IMC, Alta View, Riverton, Heber, Park City Hospitals. During her time as Nurse Manager of Infusion Services, she was in the planning process for building and development of the clinics at all the new hospitals she is over. These include IMC, Alta View, Riverton, Utah Valley, American Fork, Spanish Fork, Heber, and Park City Hospitals. Her clinics were on the front line during the COVID-19 Epidemic, taking care of and treating those receiving the Monoclonal Antibody infusions. She worked tirelessly with the Doctors in developing the procedures necessary to care for these patients. She has worked for IHC for 41 years, full time while raising 3 children (2 sons, 1 daughter). Her oldest son was the Nurse Manager at Primary Children’s Hospital Pediatric ICU. Her next son is the Director of operations for Campchef in Logan Ut. Her daughter is a first grade teacher in Davis School District. She has 8 grandchildren. She has worked unselfishly to assist her employees every step of the way. If any of her clinic’s are short of Nurses she steps in to fill the gap, taking on patients at the same time as managing these units and her usual responsibilities. She goes above and beyond by serving others with her expertise and knowledge when needed, many times without being asked to do so. Giving Charity to all, in need of her help.
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Operating Room (OR) Nurse
Jessica Hilton
CHARGE NURSE, PEDIATRIC SURGERY, UTAH VALLEY REGIONAL

NOMINATION:
Jessica just has this way of putting anyone around her at ease. It’s amazing! Working in mother-baby for years, Jessica was trusted to ensure peace and prosperity for the hospital’s newest patients. Spending time on the heart team, and working through many different types of surgeries, this nurse of exceptional integrity now soothes her pediatric patients who may be frightened of the unknown in surgery. This veteran of 17 years and exceptional mother is the kind of person the very best skilled surgeons seek after for realizing one life-saving situation after another.

Nurse Practitioner (NP)
Melisa Stock
SURGERY NP, MCKAY-DEE

NOMINATION:
Melisa has worked so hard to Graduate with an NP degree. She’s spent many hours helping me with my special needs children as they’re growing. My husband had a stroke in 2020 and I couldn’t be with him. Melisa made time to go check on him and make sure he wasn’t alone for very long. She was the reason I knew what happening with him.

Melisa has 3 children. Her oldest was adopted. Her daughter didn’t have an easy go of things growing up. Melisa and her husband, Chris, opened their hearts and home to help Jaz become such a beautiful woman with so much potential. Jaz followed her Mom in getting her RN. They are really changing lives. I hear from people how kind and how they both genuinely care and take the time to listen and try to make sure the patient has all their needs met successfully. Watching them work during Covid and go to school was inspiring.

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Registered Nurse (RN)  
**Karsten Barrett**  
**ER Nurse, PAC-U, Salt Lake Regional Medical Center**  
**NOMINATION:**  
This woman Karsten Barrett my fiancé soon to be wife has the heart of a lioness. she has worked hard to get to where she’s at, and to do all of it daily while carrying our first child makes my job look like a “cakewalk” that being said she is the heart and soul of our family and the best part of my day is to get home or have her come home to a warm cozy hug and kiss from our daughter. Going through tough times like covid and so forth she still manages to keep her head up and strive for success because the only way to move is forward.

Registered Nurse (RN)  
**Althea Martinez**  
**Lead Nurse, U of U College of Nursing, Mill Creek Youth Center**  
**NOMINATION:**  
Althea oversees the medical needs of the youth who are in custody of the State of Utah for criminal offenses. These youth have committed serious crimes and have exhausted all services the state has provided. Althea was the lead nurse during the Covid pandemic and dealt with the needs of these kids as if they were her own. Her compassion and rapport with these kids is phenomenal. She is extremely professional with kids and their families some of whom can be difficult to work with. During the pandemic she did a great job advocating for Covid vaccinations and the booster shots. Many of the kids did not want the vaccine but Althea did a great job of convincing them of the advantages of taking the shot. She saw kids in quarantine and isolation on a daily basis and ensured they were receiving appropriate care. Althea was instrumental in the training of our staff and youth on quarantine procedures. She also ensured that the necessary supplies were available to deal with quarantine. I am grateful that we are fortunate to have Althea to oversee all the medical needs at Mill Creek Youth Center! She is a pleasure to work beside everyday.

Registered Nurse (RN)  
**Veronica Banks**  
**Director of Nursing, Stonehedge of Utah**  
**NOMINATION:**  
Veronica is one of Utah’s top nurses. She is always willing to help her coworkers. This nurse is a team player; you’re always grateful when she is at work. She works hard and smart. She is also a great leader. She is one of those nurses you look to to help solve difficult problems. She stepped up to the plate of DON during all the challenges with COVID-19. When her facility was in a Covid outbreak and all the nurses and most of the staff were down and sick- she worked multiple shifts -way more than her share- to care for all of her patients. She always puts others first. She is always thinking about her patients and coworkers and does the best for them.

Home Health Nurse  
**Jolene Helsten**  
**Home Health and Hospice, Symbii Home Health & Hospice**  
**NOMINATION:**  
I am nominating my daughter Jolene Helsten. She received her RN from Weber State University in 2007. She began doing Home Health and Hospice when she got her degree. She has Several seniors in the Salt Lake Valley that she takes care of. She also takes a lot of weekends on call for the patients needs. She is very dedicated to her work as she goes into the homes to take care of these seniors. She has a tremendous amount of Compassion for her patients. Some Of these people don’t have any family members or any one else to visit or talk to them. She takes the time to listen, (while doing her patient care) as they just want to have someone to talk with and laugh at some things. I really think a good nurse that shows a lot of compassion is truly a compliment to the nursing profession.
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