

STEVEN A. MILLARD STAR GARNET AWARD

Craig Johnson has been an exemplary leader and epitomizes the hospital's slogan, "Caring for Our Community, Every Day." Under Craig's leadership, Boundary Community Hospital, a critical access hospital located in the extremely rural north Idaho community of Bonners Ferry, has maintained the highest standard of care and retained qualified, passionate team members, while being fiscally responsible to the community which supports the facility.

Craig's career in healthcare has spanned nearly five decades in both the hospital and long-term care arenas. Craig has served in many leadership roles including Idaho Health Care Association President, which involved extensive legislative interactions, and he served on numerous committees developing rules and regulations for nursing facilities residential care management, and others.

Throughout his 20-year career at the helm of Boundary Community Hospital and Nursing Home, Craig has exemplified excellence in leadership. With Craig as a mentor, managers have excelled in improving services and enhancing the patient's experience with enthusiasm and passion. His leadership has been significant in guiding the hospital to excellence in the delivery of healthcare to their community.

Healthcare is a complex industry with numerous challenges. Regardless of those challenges, Craig is one of those rare hospital CEOs who can see beyond his own organization, and consistently shares his message of regional collaboration. As a board member and chairperson of the Northwest Hospital Alliance, he has been instrumental in building a relationship of trust, collaboration, and commitment to working together to meet the healthcare needs of the region. Through his leadership and commitment to the region, the network of hospital peer groups has flourished, providing excellence in delivery of services. This network is devoted to improving the health status of the northern Idaho communities by providing a collaborative, selfless approach to regional healthcare delivery.

In summary, Craig exemplifies quality healthcare. He is a relationship leader, champion of not only patients but employees and all healthcare providers, building an organization of caring, quality and excellence.