NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HEALTH BOARDS ASSOCIATION

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. JOAN DAWE, NLHBA BOARD MEMBER, ON RECEIVING NATIONAL AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP IN HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

July 9, 2004: The Newfoundland and Labrador Health Boards Association (NLHBA) are proud to congratulate Ms. Joan Dawe, a member of the NLHBA board, on receiving the prestigious Canadian Healthcare Association Award for Distinguished Service, presented annually to an outstanding leader in the Canadian health system.

"This annual award is intended to recognize and honour those dedicated individuals who have made outstanding contributions in the health sector" explained John Peddle, NLHBA Executive Director. "Winners of this award are people whose personal leadership at provincial and national level have played a significant role in the continuing development of Canadian health organizations, public policy and the legislative framework."

"In Joan's career," Peddle continues, "she has led individual hospitals, government departments and task forces through the difficult but invigorating process of change and development in the health and community services sector. She has developed and implemented dynamic new public policies, both provincially and nationally and as Deputy Minister for two provincial government departments, she brought forward new legislation that leads the country with new directions in child, youth and family services, adoptions, child care and nurse practitioners. She also chaired a provincial task force on access to information and protection of privacy. In short," he concluded, "Joan has shown optimism, vision and leadership throughout her career, richly deserves this award and our warmest congratulations go to her achievement."

The Newfoundland and Labrador Health Boards Association represents all fourteen Health Boards in the Province. All health services and community services, including child, youth and family services, community corrections and youth diversion programs, and adult services, are delivered by Health Boards in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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