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2017 PEAK Award Honouree
Brenda Liggett – Excellence in the Public Sector



The Association of Women in Finance is proud to honour Brenda Liggett with the 2017 PEAK Award for Excellence in the Public Sector.

Brenda is the Chief Financial Officer at Fraser Health Authority, the fastest growing Health Authority in BC servicing a population of 1.8 million. In this role, Brenda provides leadership and oversight for Fraser Health's annual operating budget of over \$3.4 billion and is responsible for all strategic planning, budgeting and financial services. Throughout her tenure with Fraser Health, Brenda has demonstrated exceptional fiscal leadership despite the immense challenges faced within the public health care system. With a rapidly growing population and increased demand for services, Brenda admirably juggles competing demands for scarce resources while delivering a balanced budget as required by Government.

Brenda's professional relationship with Fraser Health dates back to 1984. Over the past three decades, she has held progressively senior positions in the organization's finance department. She holds a deep knowledge of Fraser Health's corporate and financial histories and has detailed experience from all sectors in the organization. As Chief Financial Officer, Brenda is uniquely positioned to lead Fraser Health's financial portfolio with a focus on the big financial picture of the organization and an understanding of how leaders manage their individual budgets.

Drawing on her own experiences, Brenda is a passionate champion for women in finance at Fraser Health. In a department where leadership has historically been largely male-dominated, Brenda is committed to mentoring and encouraging females to apply for promotions. She takes the time to coach women to prepare them for interviews and everyday work-life situations. As a mother of four, Brenda is an advocate for working parents and has created a work environment in her department that encourages flexibility for work-life balance.

Brenda is also actively involved in the Fraser Health communities, working directly with eleven hospital and health care foundations to align their fundraising activities with Fraser Health's capital priorities. She engages with her CFO colleagues from all Western Canadian healthy authorities to share knowledge and discuss emerging health care trends through the Western CFO forum. Brenda is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CMA) and has a Master of Arts degree in Leadership and Training from Royal Roads University. She is a member of the Chartered Professional Accountants Society of British Columbia.

Please join us to celebrate Brenda's achievements at the PEAK Awards Gala on May 10, 2017. Congratulations, Brenda!