

## Boulder Community Health Becomes WCSI's Latest Affiliate!

*Boulder, CO* - May 11, 2021 — Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI) and Dr. Jean Watson are proud to announce that **Boulder Community Health, Boulder, CO** (BCH) has been named a National Caring Science Affiliate System of WCSI. The designation recognizes BCH's exemplary integration of Human Caring Theory and leadership commitment to offer informed Caring Science practices, to their patients, their families, and their system. Boulder is also the hometown of Jean Watson and Watson Caring Science Institute.



“Boulder Community Health is proud to be recognized as a Watson Caring Science Institute affiliate,” said **Robert Vissers**, MD, BCH President & CEO. “The health and healing perspective that WCSI embraces integrates seamlessly into our organization’s vision of partnering to create and care for the healthiest community in the nation. BCH strives to provide our community with the right care at the right time in the right place, and this affiliation helps us broaden that commitment.”



“Caring Science is grounded in nursing and embraces health and wellness for the whole person, the unity of mind, body and spirit,” said **Jackie Attlesey-Pries**, RN, Vice President of Operations & Chief Nursing Officer for BCH. “Our BCH team is similarly focused on providing preventative health for our community, especially self-care tools for improving physical and emotional well-being. Integrating the Watson Caring Science Institute’s philosophy of Caring Science will allow BCH to expand the ‘whole person’ health perspective we offer to our patients.”



Sarah E. Wise, BSN, RN Manager Clinical Practice added, "Jean is literally a longtime member of our Boulder Valley community and exemplifies the innovation, people and heart centeredness of Boulder Valley and Boulder Community Health."

To become a National Caring Science Affiliate System, Boulder Community Health has demonstrated to WCSI the authentically, deep-rooted and sustainable commitment to integrating Caring Science to transform and broaden whole person health and healing for its staff, patients, families and the surrounding community. [>Learn more.](#)

### About Boulder Community Health, Boulder, CO



Boulder Community Health is a non-profit, independent, integrated, regional health system with facilities throughout Boulder and Broomfield Counties. Boulder Community Health is known across Colorado for its clinical excellence in heart

care, neurosurgery, stroke care, orthopedics and cancer care. Our mission is to provide our community with the highest value health care in an innovative, patient-centric environment. Our vision: Partnering to create and care for the healthiest community in the nation.

For more information, visit [www.bch.org](http://www.bch.org) and connect with BCH on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

### About Watson Caring Science Institute (WCSI)



The Watson Caring Science Institute is an international non-profit organization that advances the philosophies, theories and practices of Human Caring/Caring Science. It was founded by Jean Watson, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, who serves as founder and director.

Focusing on research, education, praxis, leadership and legacy, the institute aims to widen the development and understanding of Caring Science to inform our notion of quality care and healing environments. Currently there are over 400 hospitals throughout the USA with many other partner healthcare systems



globally using Caring Science and Human Caring Theory. There are now over 400 trained practitioner leaders or 'Caritas Coaches®' throughout the world. Texts on Watson's theory of caring is taught in universities worldwide and translated into over 7 languages.

To become a National Caring Science System™ of WCSI, an organization must demonstrate specific criteria related to authentic human caring-healing practices for its whole community. For more information, please visit [www.watsoncaringscience.org](http://www.watsoncaringscience.org).

### About Jean Watson



Jean Watson is a Distinguished Professor Emerita and Dean Emerita of the University of Colorado Denver, College of Nursing, where she held the Endowed Chair in Caring Science at the University of Colorado, Denver and Health Sciences Center. She is the founder of the original Center for Human Caring in Colorado and an American Academy of Nursing Fellow. Watson also is the recipient of numerous

awards and honors, including the National Fetzner Institute Norman Cousins Award, an International Kellogg Fellowship in Australia, a Fulbright Research and Lecture Award in Sweden, and six international honorary doctorate degrees. Watson is the author of more than 100 publications in Caring Science and of more than 30 books on the Science of Human Caring™, including the classic: *Nursing. The Philosophy and Science of Caring* which identifies the 10 core "Caritas Processes®", universals of human caring, necessary for studying and implementing a model of Caring Science in practice. This work restores the deep-spiritual dimensions of Love with caring-healing as the foundation for preparing a new level of practitioners in Caring Science/Caring HealthCare.

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