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**Melanie Matthews Named Boss of the Year Honorable Mention**

**Olympia, Wash., December 4, 2019** – Thurston County Chamber recently announced their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Boss of the Year results. Physicians of Southwest Washington (PSW) CEO, Melanie Matthews was a recipient of the 2019 Honorable Mentions.

This award recognizes outstanding individuals who demonstrate exceptional leadership in the workplace through innovation, communication, vision and performance.

More than 40 candidates were nominated based on an independent survey from a vast sample of local partners and community influencers. Boss of the Year awards are sponsored by Thurston County Chamber and Express Employment Professionals who partner with St. Martin's University business school students to facilitate candidate interviews and pass on the information to a selection committee.

"This honor is a testament to PSW's commitment to healthcare innovation," says Melanie Matthews, PSW CEO. "Our ability to innovate is less about who leads and more about the team that makes it possible."

The 2019 Boss of the Year Award Banquet will be held on December 11, 2019 at the Hotel RL Olympia from 11:30am – 1:30pm.

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**About PSW**

Physicians of Southwest Washington (PSW) is an Independent Physician Association and Population Health Company founded in 1995 by Thurston County physicians to provide continuity of health plan access and to maximize quality of care for patients. PSW offers intelligent healthcare analytics and comprehensive technology designed to improve population outcomes. PSW negotiates health plan risk-based contracts, provides care management, credentialing and claims processing; explores new business models to sustain independent practices; and is a 51 percent owner of NW Momentum Health Partners, a Next-Generation ACO.