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HBCH Presents Inaugural Bill Baun Memorial Excellence in Wellness Awards

HOUSTON – Dec. 21, 2017 – The [Houston Business Coalition on Health](#) (HBCH) honored four area companies with the first-ever Bill Baun Memorial Excellence in Wellness Awards. Recipients were Baylor College of Medicine, Shell Oil, King Ranch and MetroNational.

Finalists for the awards were City of Houston, Klein Independent School District, CEMEX Inc. and Texas Children’s Hospital.

The awards were administered on behalf of HBCH by Wellco Corporation using its *WellCompanies* assessment platform. Nominated employers completed the 114-questionnaire including free format content that focused on seven major categories. Categories were Policies, Environment, Leadership, Awareness, Assessment, Incentives and Measurement.

“A highlight of the assessment revealed that in aggregate Houston area employers scored higher than the national average in all categories,” said Chris Skisak, PhD, executive director for HBCH, who presented the awards to the winners. “We look forward to continuing our efforts to help employers focus on improving the health and wellbeing of their workforce. And we’re hosting our [first annual conference](#) on March 27, 2018 at the Houston Hilton Post Oak to offer insight on best practices and innovative strategies for employers”

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The awards were created in memory of Bill Baun, who spent more than 35 years of his life in worksite health promotion. Bill was a Houston legend in wellness and one of its first corporate wellness professionals with Tenneco in the late 1970s where under Bill’s leadership the Tenneco program received national recognition including being named one of the *Healthiest Companies in America* by Fortune magazine. Bill was a strong presence in the national discussion on the value of employer wellness and served from 2011-2014 as President of the National Wellness Institute. In late 2016, he retired as Chief Wellness Officer with MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

About Houston Business Coalition on Health

The non-profit [Houston Business Coalition on Health](#) is a leading resource for Houston employers dedicated to providing health benefits at a sustainable cost while improving the quality and employee experience of their delivery through effective benefits design. With 85 members, HBCH represents 800,000 local and more than 2 million national employer-sponsored lives. Formed in 2013 as a merger between the former Houston Wellness Association and Houston Business Group on Health, HBCH is an employer-centric multi-stakeholder organization focused on sharing of evidence-based strategies and practices to maximize benefits investments to improve health and health care. HBCH is a member of the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions.

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Recipients were Baylor College of Medicine, Tier 1, Exemplary; King Ranch, Tier 2, Exemplary.



Recipients were Shell Oil, Tier 1, Recognized and MetroNational, Tier 2, Recognized.