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EDGERTON HOSPITAL RECEIVES GRANT TO FOCUS ON EMPLOYEE HEALTH AMONG EDGERTON BUSINESSES

(Edgerton, WI) – In September, Edgerton Hospital and Health Services was awarded a \$4,983 grant by the Rural Hospital Flexibility Program through the Wisconsin Office of Rural Health. The grant will fund the formation of a coalition comprised of local business leaders, who will be responsible for executing the Edgerton Employee Health Initiative. The main focus of the coalition will be to conduct a needs assessment of Edgerton’s business community as it relates to employee wellness.

The newly formed coalition, led by Edgerton Hospital’s Community Education Coordinator, Angie Sullivan, will kick off the Edgerton Employee Health Initiative in January with a breakfast, along with guest speaker Suzy Favor Hamilton. “The goal of the kick-off breakfast is to educate employers in the area on the importance of worksite wellness. This relates not only to the health of their workforce, but also their financial bottom line,” said Angie Sullivan. The coalition plans to work closely with both large and small businesses to prove the many benefits of employee wellness. Throughout the funding year, a needs assessment of the Edgerton business community will be conducted to identify any roadblocks standing between these businesses and an employee wellness program. The results of the survey will be provided to the community, with the hopes that by working together, not only will a healthier workforce be established, but also a healthier community.

Edgerton Hospital is a natural leader for this initiative, as it has established its own employee wellness coalition in 2007, and has since maintained an exemplary health and wellness program for its employees. In 2009, the hospital’s wellness program received the Silver Award for Worksite Wellness from the Wisconsin Governor’s Office.

Anyone who is interested in being a part of the Edgerton Employee Health Initiative coalition is encouraged to call Angie Sullivan at 608-884-1489.

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Edgerton Hospital and Health Services is a critical access hospital serving Edgerton, Milton, Janesville and the surrounding areas with a range of services from pediatrics to geriatrics. The Hospital offers a full spectrum of services including acute care, swing bed program, 61 bed Medicare certified skilled nursing facility and home health care. Rehabilitation services including cardiac, physical, occupational and speech therapy are available at all levels of care. Outpatient services include an Emergency and Urgent Care center, Sleep Study program, and diagnostic services.