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Teamwork Award Recognizes Norton County Hospital

(Sept. 27, 2022) — The Kansas Hospital Association is pleased to recognize and honor excellence in teamwork by health care workers. New in 2022, the Excellence in Teamwork Award focused on teamwork around workforce strategies. Ensuring a robust and resilient health care workforce and increasing workforce supply through a pipeline of talent is essential to providing optimal health in Kansas. The award recognizes a team of employees, providers or volunteers who have made a significant contribution to the wellbeing, retention or recruitment of health care workers at their facility or in Kansas.

Members of the Kansas Hospital Association recognized Norton County Hospital with the Excellence in Teamwork Award during the KHA Awards Ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 8. Part of this recognition included the <u>creation of a video</u> highlighting the Norton County Hospital Recruitment and Retention Committee and their work to address workforce challenges. This multi-disciplinary team demonstrated excellence in teamwork as they worked together to address challenges with creative solutions for recruitment and retention. These included establishing a tuition reimbursement program, restructuring merit and pay models and improving employee recognition.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 237 member facilities, of which 123 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is Optimal Health for Kansans.