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Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic Designated as Level 4 Trauma Hospital

Madelia, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Health recently re-designated the Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic (MCHC) as a Level 4 trauma hospital. MCHC and staff voluntarily participated in the intense designation process to continue as a part of Minnesota’s statewide trauma system. The process included an outside review of the hospital’s resources and capabilities to care for trauma patients. MCHC met standards of commitment, clinical and equipment resources and staff training. The hospital also participates in a continuous performance improvement process. MCHC has been designated as a Level 4 Trauma Center since 2010.

“The Level 4 trauma center designation means that MCHC can continue to provide the people of our region with life-saving emergency care in trauma situations. Improving our trauma care will affect many lives,” said Jennifer McLaughlin, RN, OR/ER Supervisor at MCHC.

For a severely injured person, the time between sustaining an injury and receiving definitive care is the most important predictor of survival – the “golden hour.” The chance of survival diminishes with time; however, a trauma system enhances the chance of survival regardless of proximity to an urban trauma hospital.

“Trauma is the third leading cause of death in Minnesota,” said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Dr. Edward Ehlinger. “The goal of the trauma system is to decrease injured patients’ time to care by making sure their medical needs are appropriately matched with hospital resources. With the designation of MCHC as a level 4 trauma hospital, we are getting closer to our goal of ensuring that patients that are seriously injured in Minnesota have access to an organized system of trauma care wherever they are in the state.”

On average, trauma claims the lives of 2,400 Minnesotans annually. States with trauma systems have seen survival rates increase by 15 to 20 percent. Wide-scale participation in the voluntary trauma system ensures that a statewide, cooperative effort is in place to care for seriously injured patients.

Minnesota began developing a comprehensive trauma system in August of 2005. Through its designation, MCHC recognizes the vital role that communities, ambulance services, hospitals and health care professionals play in the care and management of trauma patients.

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Photo Caption: Staff members gathered to celebrate that MCHC has again been designated as a Level 4 Trauma Center by the Minnesota Department of Health. Pictured left to right: Chris Wellman, Deidre Hruby, Jen McLaughlin, Dr. Bruce Rorem, Megan Gossman and Danette Firchau.

About Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic

Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic is an independent, nonprofit facility staffed by a team of physicians and medical professionals that are profoundly committed to providing health care of the highest standards to Madelia and surrounding communities. As a 25-bed critical access hospital, we offer all the primary health services including: medical/surgical care, swing bed, home care, radiology, emergency care, urgent care, direct access laboratory and physical therapy, and more. Our attached family medical clinic provides care for acute illnesses, minor injuries, chronic disease management, physicals and immunizations, and preventive care for patients of all ages. Over the years, we have proactively responded to the changing demands within the health care system, which has ensured our ability to deliver up-to-date medical services, purchase advanced medical equipment, and provide complete and compassionate care to all who enter our facility.