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MCHC Designated as Stroke Ready Hospital

Madelia, Minn., – Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic joins 112 hospitals recognized for their preparedness to evaluate, stabilize and provide emergency treatment to patients with acute stroke symptoms.

In 2013, the Minnesota Legislature authorized the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to designate hospitals in Minnesota as “stroke hospitals.” The designation from lowest to highest level of stroke care are Acute Stroke Ready Hospitals, Primary Stroke Centers and Comprehensive Stroke Centers.

The Acute Stroke Ready Hospital designation recognizes that the Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic Emergency Room staff is trained to assess patients exhibiting stroke symptoms, stabilize them and transport individuals as needed.

Nearly one in three Minnesota stroke victims first receive care at a small, rural hospital. In addition, more than one-third of Minnesotans live more than 60 minutes away from a Primary Stroke Center. These facts highlight the importance of local hospitals becoming designated as stroke-ready facilities.

“When it comes to stroke, time lost is brain lost,” said MDH Commissioner of Health Dr. Ed Ehlinger. “That is why it is so crucial that all Minnesota hospitals are ready to deliver high-quality stroke care close to home.”

It is important for Minnesotans to know how to spot a stroke quickly and call 911. You can recognize the signs and symptoms of a stroke by remembering F.A.S.T

F – Facial droop/numbness, A – arm weakness, S – speech difficulty, and T – time to call 911.

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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.



A few members of our hospital staff pictured left to right: Teresa Lange, LPN; Betty Spidahl, LPN; Jen McLaughlin, RN; Dr. Michael Nelson, Emergency Room Physician; Chris Wellman, LPN; Brandon Miller, RN.