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Texas Nurses Association Awards Guadalupe Regional Medical Center the Nurse-Friendly™ Designation— GRMC Earns Distinction Awarded to Only 49 of 581 Texas Hospitals

(Seguin, TX, October 8, 2007) – The Texas Nurses Association (TNA), a statewide professional organization of registered nurses, announced recently that Guadalupe Regional Medical Center has joined the list of hospitals in Texas who have earned the prestigious Nurse-Friendly™ hospital designation. Naming of the Fall 2007 recipients of the designation now raises the total number of facilities who have achieved the impressive distinction to 49. There are approximately 581 licensed hospitals in Texas.

“We are extremely proud of Guadalupe Regional Medical Center’s exemplary nursing staff for having achieved this important designation,” states Administrator Robert Haynes. “This award demonstrates the high-level of commitment by our nursing team to quality patient care and to patient satisfaction.”

TNA's Nurse-Friendly designation confirms that a Guadalupe Regional has in its practices, policies, and procedures the 12 essential elements of the ideal nursing practice environment – as defined by nurses and research – as important to the highest quality of patient care, nursing practice, professional development and nurse job satisfaction. The 12 criteria are:

1. Control of Nursing Practice
2. Safety of the Work Environment
3. Systems Exist to Address Patient Care Concerns
4. Nurse Orientation to the Work Setting
5. Chief Nursing Officer
6. Professional Development
7. Competitive Wages
8. Nurse Recognition
9. Balanced Lifestyle
10. Zero Tolerance Policy for Abuse of Nurses
11. Middle Management Accountability
12. Quality Initiatives

“Hospitals who apply for the designation,” explained Susan Sportsman, PhD, RN, president of TNA, “must demonstrate through a quite rigorous process that they’re committed to supporting a nursing practice environment that is consistent with excellent patient care. Then, a majority of the hospital’s nurses must confirm that fact through a confidential survey.”

Members of Guadalupe Regional’s nursing staff, The Administrator, and The Chairman of the Board of Managers, received the designation at a special awards ceremony held during TNA’s 7th Annual Nursing Leadership Conference, a two-day event held in Austin September 20 – 21, 2007; which brought together some of nursing’s foremost researchers, thought leaders and policy makers. “Receiving this designation was a long process and the nursing staff worked very hard to make this a reality,” explains GRMC’s Chief Nursing Officer Susan Motta, “and I would like to thank two managers in particular who led the process—Helen Petty, RN, and Julia Abrameit,

RN. This also certainly could not have happened without the full support of the hospital administration and Board of Managers. I am proud that we have a team that qualifies for this distinction.”

Guadalupe Regional Medical Center is a licensed 119-bed acute care facility, fully accredited by the Joint Commission. The medical staff of more than 60 physicians and 700 employees serves residents of Guadalupe, Comal, Wilson, Gonzales, Caldwell, Hays and Kenedy counties. Last year, the hospital, jointly owned by the City of Seguin and Guadalupe County, admitted 5,500 patients, handled 26,000 Emergency Department visits and 700 births, and performed 3,500 surgeries.

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Nurse-Friendly is a trademark of Texas Nurses Association.



Guadalupe Regional Medical Center’s Chief Nursing Officer Susan Motta, at podium, and other hospital representatives receive the prestigious Nurse-Friendly designation award from the Texas Nurses Association.



The prestigious Nurse-Friendly designation is received by Guadalupe Regional Medical Center representatives. Back row (left to right) Robert D. Galloway, PhD, Chairman, Board of Managers; and Administrator Robert Haynes. Front row (left to right), Sue Weaver, RN; Helen Petty, RN; Susan Motta, Chief Nursing Officer; and Cris Salley, RN.