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HOSPITAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR JOINS PRESTIGIOUS COMMITTEE

WINNEBAGO, NE. – Francine Parmenter, Quality Management Director at Twelve Clans Unity Hospital, has been invited to join the Nebraska Hospital Association Quality Improvement (NHAQI) Steering Committee. The committee has been meeting for more than a decade, and its focus is to provide the framework for developing a quality improvement (QI) plan that is comprehensive, integrated and holistic in its approach to quality management. At Twelve Clans Unity Hospital, Francine is responsible for ensuring establishment, operation and maintenance of a comprehensive quality assessment and performance improvement program. She is directly responsible for ongoing accreditation compliance with all quality measures required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regulations that involve Medicare and Medicaid certification.

“I am very proud to represent Twelve Clans Unity Hospital as a part of the NHAQI Steering Committee. This is an exciting opportunity to collaborate with other Nebraska healthcare facilities in efforts to improve health care quality,” said Parmenter.

Parmenter provides leadership, personnel management, regulatory and quality compliance and direction to maximize patient safety and quality care throughout Twelve Clans Unity Hospital. She received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Oglala Lakota College. Parmenter is trained in Risk Management, Quality Assessment and Internal Auditing and has 15 years of health care experience. She is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

The NHAQI Steering Committee meets quarterly at their facilities in Lincoln, NE. In the past year, the committee developed the Rural QI Residency program and updated the QI Orientation guide. Current members of this committee include; rural QI leaders, Great Plains QIN, Patient Safety Collaborative, NAHQRS, the office of rural health and CAH network coordinators.

Twelve Clans Unity Hospital is a division of the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System operated by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. The 13-bed healthcare facility serves an estimated 10,000 Native Americans who live on the Winnebago Reservation and in the surrounding region. Health care services provided by the hospital and the Tribe’s Public Health Department include an ambulatory care clinic, inpatient care, express care clinic, pharmacy, radiology, emergency care, medical laboratory, physical therapy, social services, dental, optometry, audiology, behavioral health and more.

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