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FAIRFIELD MEDICAL CENTER EMPLOYEE CHOSEN AS AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION PATIENT SAFETY LEADERSHIP FELLOW

LANCASTER, Ohio (July 27, 2009) – Joan Miller, MT, ASCP, MHSA, Fairfield Medical Center Six Sigma Black Belt, has been selected into the 2009-2010 class of Patient Safety Leadership Fellows. Thirteen individuals have been selected to participate in this year's fellowship class.

The Patient Safety Leadership Fellowship is a year-long intensive learning experience dedicated to preparing the next generation of healthcare leaders. Mina Ubbing, Fairfield Medical Center CEO, commented, "I am looking forward to Joan participating in this class because it brings healthcare professionals across the country together for an opportunity to collaborate and learn new strategies and skills to bring back and incorporate within their own organizations. Joan Miller is a great choice and will represent us well."



Joan's goal in particular will be to work to improve the use of event reporting at Fairfield Medical Center. Participating in three leadership retreats, completing self-study modules, and engaging in monthly conference calls will accomplish this goal. Joan will also carry out Action Learning Projects focused on safety and quality improvements for Fairfield Medical Center, in which she will apply skills and knowledge acquired through the fellowship program. Joan is looking forward to this training and is thankful to receive such support from Fairfield Medical Center, "I am very grateful to have this wonderful opportunity to make a difference. It is encouraging to know that I work for a facility that puts such an emphasis on patient safety and high quality."

The Patient Safety Leadership Fellowship is sponsored by the American Hospital Association and the National Patient Safety Foundation, in partnership with the Health Research & Educational Trust, Health Forum, the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management, the American Organization of Nurse Executives, and the Society of Hospital Medicine. The fellowship is a tuition-based program. The fellowship commences in June and continues through May 2010.

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