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Southern Regional First AHEC in NC to Receive NCNA Hallmarks of Healthy Workplaces Recognition

Fayetteville - Southern Regional Area Health Education Center has received the *Hallmarks of Healthy Workplaces Recognition* by the North Carolina Nurses Association Professional Practice Advocacy Coalition (NCNA). The nursing recognition is given to facilities that have developed healthy workplaces for nursing staff and advocate nursing involvement in all facets of the organization.

A three-step process, the application included an initial survey of the SR-AHEC nursing staff in August, 2008. Because staff rated their workplace as "very good" in a number of areas, the application proceeded to the next phase and a November date for the interview team's visit was established.

The interview team gave Southern Regional AHEC a perfect score during their visit, which was the third and final phase of the process. Southern Regional AHEC, The Family Medicine Center and The Specialty Medicine Center demonstrated excellence in core criteria including support of nursing professional development, system support for nurses to provide quality service and integration of nursing into operations and governance. NCNA award officials noted Southern Regional AHEC's program excellence including continuing education benefits, nursing community involvement, nursing participation in clinical quality improvement initiatives and the organization's receptiveness to nursing needs and proposals for optimal patient care.

"I'm so proud of our nurses because they initiated the effort themselves and worked together on the application. Everyone in the organization participated in the site visit that received a perfect score from the surveyors," said Southern Regional AHEC President and CEO, Deborah Teasley. "This recognition is the result of Southern Regional AHEC's expectation that all employees contribute to a positive work environment. This confirms that Southern Regional AHEC is a special place with employees who deliver great care to our patients and support to health professionals in our region." Southern Regional AHEC will be recognized as an award recipient at the awards ceremony on January 22nd at the Marriott at Research Triangle Park in Durham.

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