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Roger Pearson to receive Billings Award from Kansas Hospital Association

(November 11, 2009) – The Kansas Hospital Association has announced that Roger Pearson is the recipient of the 2009 Charles S. Billings Award given to recognize individuals who demonstrate distinguished service and outstanding contributions to the field of health care in Kansas.

Pearson had spent the last 16 years as the administrator at Ellsworth County Medical Center before retiring earlier this year. He now is a special projects advisor for Salina Regional Health Center and surrounding hospitals in the Sunflower Health Network.

Under Pearson's leadership, Ellsworth County Medical Center received the Kansas Award for Excellence in 2005. He has also served as an examiner for the Kansas Award for Excellence seven times and became a Malcom Baldrige National Quality Award Examiner in 2009.

“During his time at Ellsworth, Roger consistently demonstrated his skill at looking forward in a positive way,” said Tom Bell, President of the Kansas Hospital Association. “His drive, determination and passion successfully turned Ellsworth County Medical Center into a technologically advanced and successful organization.”

Prior to Pearson's career at ECMC he served as hospital administrator at Wichita County Hospital in Leoti, Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital in Ulysses and was executive director at Allen County Hospital in Iola.

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