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Board Resolution Regarding Tobacco Free Campus

Prowers County Hospital District d.b.a. Prowers Medical Center is committed to the promotion of quality healthcare, which includes the prevention of disease. With the commitment to promotion of quality healthcare comes the responsibility of providing a safe and healthy environment. The use of tobacco products is the number one source of premature death and disability in the United States, and the Surgeon General has warned that there is no safe level of secondhand tobacco smoke.

Because of these health risks and the mission of Prowers Medical Center to better serve the interests of the health and welfare of patients, staff, employees and visitors. Prowers Medical Center is committed to the benefits that come from a tobacco-free environment. To that end, Prowers Medical Center shall implement a tobacco-free policy on all property owned, leased or managed by the hospital, to become effective on, July 1st 2009. Prowers Medical Center joins other Colorado hospitals that have implemented a tobacco-free policy.

To achieve the goal of becoming tobacco-free, the Board directs its Senior Management to:

1. Create and implement a tobacco-free hospital campus policy to provide a safe and healthy environment for all of its patients, employees, volunteers and visitors.
2. Present a positive example to the public by making no tobacco use a normal practice on hospital property and among hospital staff.
3. Assist both patients and employees who wish to quit using tobacco products.
4. Be a leader in the community by encouraging tobacco free environments.

Approved:



Jan Hall, Board Chairman

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Date