NVCH awarded grant for community health worker

(KMZA)--Nemaha Valley Community Hospital, of Seneca, has received a \$100,000 two-year grant from the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund to employ a community health worker.

According to a news release, the grant application was based on collaboration among county-wide resources including Sabetha Community Hospital, KANZA Mental Health, County Health Department, Nemaha County Community Health Services, and Kansas State Research and Extension.

The release says a community health worker serves as a liaison between community members and the healthcare and social service systems.

Nemaha Valley Community Hospital Care Coordinator, Jane Sunderland, said the community health worker will be a valuable resource in helping individuals complete applications to access health benefits and familiarizing persons new to the community with available local resources. She said another responsibility will include assisting parents who have children with special healthcare needs in finding providers, medical equipment, and financial assistance.

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