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**To:** All Medical and Hospital Staff

**From:** Ronald J. Krawiec, Chief Executive Officer

**Subject:** New York State Department of Health HEAL NY Phase 11 Award

**Date:** September 29, 2009

We are very pleased to announce that Wyoming County Community Hospital was awarded \$4.2 million from the New York State Department of Health. Applications were submitted for HEAL NY Phase 11 funding from the health care industry throughout the state; and thus, competition for this grant was very high.

We were awarded funding for our Hospital's Ambulatory Services Renovation to *remove 40 inpatient beds to make way for improved inpatient experience through enlarging Obstetric rooms to add modern showers and bathrooms; improving ventilation and safety through the installation of a sprinkler system; and move the radiology department closer to an expanded emergency department, which will place the service closer to volume demand. Outpatient and Ambulatory services will be realigned to improve movement for patients, visitors, employees and medical staff.*

This funding will be helpful to curtail the anticipated \$20 million cost for the capital project we have been planning. The Foundation's ONE Capital Campaign was successful in reaching its \$4.5 million goal for capital improvements. The HEAL NY Phase 11 award will almost match that funding support, but we still have more work to be done to find adequate lending sources. This HEAL NY Phase 11 Grant will ease the impact on the hospital's future debt.

The arduous planning process for the past few years has put WCCHS in a "shovel-ready" position to be awarded this grant with its strict time requirements. Because of this funding (which must be used for capital renovations), our architects have been challenged to move diligently on the Certificate of Need process. All construction to health care facilities must have the New York State Department of Health's approval. We are hopeful with this successful grant award that the process is moved to the front of the New York State reviewer's agenda.

In October, I will be updating the staff through informational meetings which I hope you will be able to attend.

Thank you.