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## **Housekeeping Plays Critical Role in Upkeep of Local Medical Center**

*Hospital CEO says housekeeping staff is among the unsung heroes in local healthcare.*

PECOS, Texas (Sept. 11, 2023) – When it comes to local healthcare, little does one consider what it takes to maintain a clean and safe facility for patients, guests, and staff. At Reeves Regional Healthcare (RRH), the local medical center’s housekeeping department has been one of the unsung heroes in ensuring the cleanliness of healthcare in the greater Reeves County region.

“Environmental Services Week, celebrated Sept 11 – 16, is a time that we are able to show appreciation for the dedicated team at RRH that ensure our facilities are clean and safe places for patients, their families and other staff members” explains Brenda McKinney, CEO of RRH. Their professionalism and attention to detail are just the qualities that make them an integral part of our organization,”

“We take pride in their efforts and are confident that they will continue to uphold our high standards of excellence in cleanliness, McKinney added.” With all the challenges and changes the last few years have brought, these staff members have remained resilient in their efforts to protect others from dangerous pathogens.,

The housekeeping department at RRH holds significant importance due to the unique challenges inherent to rural communities like Reeves County. In regions like ours, resources can be limited, making efficient resource utilization paramount.

Proper sanitation prevents infections and ensures that essential resources like medical supplies and equipment are optimally utilized, particularly at RRH, where such efficiency is crucial due to constrained access to advanced medical care in rural areas.

Patient comfort and safety are always a top priority at RRH. Patients in the greater West Texas region already face challenges accessing healthcare services, making a clean and well-organized hospital environment essential for their overall experience and recovery at RRH.

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Additionally, maintaining a high standard of cleanliness helps foster trust and confidence in the local healthcare system, which is vital for building strong community relationships.

“Rural hospitals, like Reeves Regional Healthcare, often serve as primary medical facilities, prioritizing emergency preparedness,” McKinney explains. “The housekeeping department's role in ensuring constant readiness and cleanliness directly impacts the hospital's ability to respond effectively to emergencies here at our regional medical center.”

Compliance with regulations is equally vital in rural hospitals, which might have less oversight, emphasizing the critical role of the housekeeping department at RRH in upholding these standards. This contribution enhances the hospital's credibility and the quality of care provided.

The housekeeping department's multifaceted role at RRH extends beyond cleanliness; it influences resource management, patient well-being, emergency responsiveness, and regulatory compliance – all vital components of effective healthcare delivery in rural communities.

RRH began serving patients from a new 140,000-square-foot medical campus in November 2022, replacing a nearly 45-year-old hospital nearing the end of its usage. Planning the new campus allowed local healthcare officials to reimagine local healthcare and design the facility from the ground up with programs and services essential for Reeves County residents today and for generations to come.

“In just a couple of months, it will be a year that we have been in our new facility. While it does not seem like a year has passed, I will say that our facilities still look immaculate,” McKinney adds. “Housekeeping has a critical role in the appearance of our medical center, and I cannot be any prouder of the men and women who ensure we set our best foot forward for patients, guests, and our staff.”

For more information about local healthcare programs and services in the greater Reeves County region, please visit [www.reevesregional.com](http://www.reevesregional.com).

### **About Reeves Regional Health**

Reeves Regional Health (RRH), formally known as Reeves County Hospital District, provides healthcare services for Reeves County and neighboring West Texas communities. Founded in 1954, RRH, a Level IV Trauma Center, offers various medical services, including emergency care, diagnostic imaging, physical therapy, general surgery, a clinical laboratory, and more. RRH also operates Reeves Regional Home Health and Hospice and Reeves Regional Rural Health Clinic. In November 2022, RRH began serving patients from a new \$115 million, 140,000-square-foot campus. For more information, please visit [www.reevesregional.com](http://www.reevesregional.com).

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