

## **Cuero Community Hospital recognizes Patient Safety Awareness Week**

Cuero Community Hospital is recognizing Patient Safety Awareness week, an initiative of the National Patient Safety Foundation, March 13-19, 2016. This awareness week places enhanced focus and education on patient healthcare safety.

“Patient Safety Awareness Week is an effort to increase our and all patient’s involvement with their healthcare,” states Denise McMahan, Chief Quality Officer at Cuero Community Hospital.

“We are continually putting into effect processes and safeguards to improve patient satisfaction. It is important that the community knows they have a voice in the direction of their care as a patient. Our most important endeavor is to provide them comfort and security while they are a patient of our hospital, clinic(s) or home health agency.”

In an effort to promote patient safety, some important points to remember are to always ask questions or express your concerns, ask a relative or trusted friend to be your health advisor or navigator, educate yourself on your health condition, and learn and participate about the services being offered to you for treatment.

Cuero Community Hospital issued a patient safety proclamation in an effort to further progress awareness of Patient Safety Week. This proclamation was signed on Friday, March 11, 2016 by Sara Meyer, Mayor of the City of Cuero. This proclamation states that as Cuero and other area citizens strive for safe and quality healthcare, the professionals at Cuero Community Hospital strive to provide the highest level of healthcare to their patients.

Cuero Community Hospital invites patients who have concerns or suggestions for improvement with their healthcare services, to please email [denisem@cuerohospital.org](mailto:denisem@cuerohospital.org) or call 361-275-0175.

Maintaining high quality standards is the goal for all public health organizations. Cuero Community Hospital continues to promote and enhance the quality of care at all of their healthcare facilities this Patient Safety Awareness Week in March and for it to remain their primary focus 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.



CCH staff witness Sara Meyer, Mayor of the City of Cuero, sign a proclamation that recognizes March 13-19, 2016 as Patient Safety Awareness Week. Pictured from left to right, back row, are Dianne Guenther, RN (Surgery), Jill Saenz, RN (Case Management), Jackie Hunnam, RN (ICU/Day Surgery/ PACU), Cheryl Psencik, RN (Case Management), Sheila Yancey, RN (Medical/Surgical), Kim Curlee, LVN (Surgery); Front row, Denise McMahan, RN (Chief Quality Officer), Mayor Sara Meyer, Jennifer Gonzales, MD (Hospitalist), Shay Arriaga, RN (Medical/Surgical) and Judy Krupala, RN (Chief Nursing Officer).