

Estill Medical Clinic Earns National Recognition for Patient-Centered Care

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) today announced that Estill Medical Clinic of Irvine Kentucky has received NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition for using evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly coordinated care and long-term, participative relationships.

The NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home is a model of primary care that combines teamwork and information technology to improve care, improve patients' experience of care and reduce costs. Medical homes foster ongoing partnerships between patients and their personal clinicians, instead of approaching care as the sum of episodic office visits. Each patient's care is overseen by clinician-led care teams that coordinate treatment across the health care system. Research shows that medical homes can lead

to higher quality and lower costs, and can improve patient and provider reported experiences of care.

"NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition raises the bar in defining high-quality care by emphasizing access, health information technology and coordinated care focused on patients," said NCQA President Margaret E. O'Kane. "Recognition shows that Estill Medical Clinic has the tools, systems and resources to provide its patients with the right care, at the right time."

To earn recognition, which is valid for three years, Estill Medical Clinic demonstrated the ability to meet the program's key elements, embodying characteristics of the medical home. NCQA standards aligned with the joint principles of the Patient-Centered Medical Home established with the American College of Physicians, the American

Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Osteopathic Association.

"We have been working on the process of becoming a Patient Centered Medical Home for two years", says Donna Isfort, Nurse Practitioner and clinic owner since 2011. The clinic has been a cornerstone of health care in our community since 1967 when Dr. Virginia Wallace and Dr. Charles Terry opened the clinic to provide primary care services to Estill and surrounding counties.

To find clinicians and their practices with NCQA PCMH Recognition, visit <http://recognition.ncqa.org>. About NCQA NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in

key areas of performance. NCQA's Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) is the

most widely used performance measurement tool in health care. NCQA's Website (ncqa.org) contains in-

formation to help consumers, employers and others make more informed health care choices.



Donna Isfort, APRN, MSN, demonstrates a new human anatomy 3-D video system that is used to provide patient education. Estill Medical Clinic recently received recognition as a Level III Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) from the National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA). A Level III PCMH is the highest level of recognition offered by NCQA. (Photo courtesy of Estill Clinic)

Irvine man files lawsuit claiming candidate did not live here for a year

An Irvine man is seeking through a lawsuit to have a candidate for county attorney declared ineligible to serve.

James Walters of 216 High Street, Irvine filed the complaint against Rodney G. Davis on January 19 in Estill Circuit Court.

Walters and Davis are both republicans. Walters is seeking the office of Estill County Judge Executive.

Davis is the present county attorney and has served in that position since 2007.

The complaint states that Davis is a resident of Richmond in Madison County and has not been a resident of Estill County for one year prior to the May primary election. This is required by Kentucky Constitution.

Walters is seeking an order from the Board of Elections that Davis is not a bona fide candidate for Estill County Attorney.

He is also asking the court to issue an injunction against Davis to keep him from seeking election as Estill County Attorney.

In addition, Walters is asking for his attorney costs and fees and any other relief to which he is entitled.

A lawsuit only presents one side of an issue.

Davis has filed a request for Circuit

Judge Michael Dean to recuse himself from this case.

Judge Dean was involved in litigation in 2006 in a similar suit against Davis.

A special judge was appointed and ruled that Davis was a bona fide candidate for Estill County Attorney.

The special judge dismissed the matter with prejudice, which means the court has made a final determination on the merits of the case. The plaintiff is therefore forbidden from filing another lawsuit based on the same grounds.

The special judge also ruled that each party must pay his own attorney's fees and costs.

After Davis learns who will be the judge in this case, he will be filing a motion to have Walters' lawsuit dismissed. He will also ask for CR11 sanctions since the matter has been litigated and resulted in a judgment in his favor.

Walters is represented by Richmond Attorney, Richard Kenniston. In Davis' letter to Judge Dean, he said he has attempted to contact Kenniston to schedule a conference call but Walters' attorney has not returned his call.

Crooks Plead Guilty in Rent-a-Vet Scheme

VETERANS POST
by Freddy Groves

Two crooks pleaded guilty to stealing money from the government in a set-aside program for veteran-owned businesses. Specifically, these two got nearly \$14 million in construction contracts (20 of them) spread out in 11 states over nine years. Both were veterans.

In 2004, Jeffrey Wilson and Paul Salavitch set up the Patriot Company. Wilson ran the whole thing as a front for his own construction company. Salavitch, the service-disabled veteran, didn't run the company, make day-to-day decisions, had never managed a construction company and didn't have much government contracting experience -- all requirements for the program. He was president on paper only. His pal Wilson said they needed stuff from Salavitch (plaques, Army items, anything personal) that would make one of the offices look like it actually belonged to Salavitch.

What, then, did Salavitch do? He was a full-time employee of the Department of Defense in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Wilson, meanwhile, had fun with some of the money. He put down nearly half a million dollars on a house he bought, and a quarter of a million to pay off his previous house. Not only that, but he used company money to buy another house out of state and paid \$400,000 for life insurance premiums.

Inquiring minds want to know: If the duo was hit with four counts each, why were they allowed to plead it down? And if the government grabbed \$2.1 million in repayment, what happens to the rest of that \$14 million?

Then there's the prison time ... minimal. A possible year for one, a year and a half for the other. Seems like the sentence would at least equal the length of time the duo was in business, which was nine years.

Scammers, take note. Whistleblowers are everywhere.



Daisy Mullins used her own sewing machine to sew binding onto one of the quilts so it could be given to a resident on Valentine's Day.

Rather Bee Quilting makes lap quilts for health care residents

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Fabrics for the quilts were donated by Gwen Wilson, in memory of her sister-in-law, Wilma Doyle; Jeannie Cauldwell, in memory of her mother, Zella Wilson; and Valerie Fike, in memory of her mother, Bertie Henderson.

James and Mary Kriskern of Berea donated batting.

Christine Cooper made and donated four quilt tops.

Carolyn Carroll of Carolyn's Quilts at Drip Rock

donated the quilting on three tops.

The group thanks Lavotus Johnson, owner of L&W Sewing Basket in Irvine, and Sue Sparks for their help and dedication in this project.

Members of Rather Bee Quilting include Ruth Pasley, Daisy Mullins, Carla Faulkner, Jane Morgan, Stacy Kindred, Paula White, Sherrie Cummings, Teresa Warner, Lisa Smith, Dolly Witt, Shirley Floyd, Mraie Dixon, and Mimi Tucker.



A label was attached to the back of each quilt.

Deputy seeks information on burglary at the former Hargett School building

A burglary at the former Hargett School Building is under investigation.

Deputy Russell "Doc" Morris is investigating the break-in which was reported on February 4 by Gregory Hall of Cobb Hill Road, Irvine.

The incident report says a perpetrator parked in front of the building. He or she then broke out a window on

the side facing Winchester Road.

Items were then removed from the building through a door next to the broken window.

Those items included a generator, a concrete saw, and a shotgun, all valued at \$3,300.

Morris said the perpetrator rolled the generator out the front door, down a hill, to

the parking area. Generator marks were left on the grass.

The deputy added that the perpetrator left a black hatchet by the window, which has been entered into evidence.

Anyone who has information on this burglary may contact the sheriff's office at 723-2323 during business hours or 723-2201 after hours.

24 year-old is charged with robbing another to take \$150 in items

A 24 year old Irvine man has been charged with robbery.

An arrest warrant was obtained by KSP Trooper Ty Robinson on Saturday for the arrest of Damien S. Young of Front Street in Irvine.

The warrant says that Young robbed Jason Alvey on February 2. It states that Young held a small, black-plated pistol to Alvey's head and forced him to give

him all of his belongings. This included a wallet, cell phone, a Mossy Oak knife and hat with a total value of \$150.00.

The arrest warrant on Young was served Saturday by Trooper Casey Caudill. Young was charged with robbery first degree, a Class B felony.

Young was transported to Three Forks Regional Jail in Beattyville. His bond has been set at \$40,000 cash.



Damien Young

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