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VNA HealthCare Named as Business Workforce Star

June 17, 2010 –VNA HealthCare was honored by Capital Workforce Partners (CWP) this morning as a “Business Workforce Star” for providing its staff time and encouragement to take a series of educational courses offered through the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC). Nominated by Elizabeth Begley, Allied Health Project Director, CWP, VNA HealthCare home care aides took math, English and college-accredited healthcare courses to assist them in advancing their health care careers or improve their skills for their current position.

Accepting the award was Ellen Rothberg, President and CEO, VNA HealthCare, accompanied by Fred Lauria, Vice-President Human Resources and Aldine Fray, Homecare aide supervisor. Barbara Dean and Barbara Pellett, who have taken almost all of the courses, also attended. They were recognized along with four other aides at the Allied Health Symposium held May 20 at the Mark Twain House.

Capital Workforce Partners is a one-stop career agency which partners with the Connecticut Department of Labor in CTWorks. Its motto is “People for Jobs and Jobs for People.” Capital Workforce Partners coordinates programs and initiatives to develop a skilled, educated and vital workforce.

Caption: Elizabeth Begley, RN, BSN, CHPN, Allied Health Project Director, Capital Workforce Partners (at left) presented a Business Star award to Ellen Rothberg, RN, MPH, President and CEO VNA HealthCare on June 17 at the sixth annual Workforce Stars Breakfast held in East Windsor.

About VNA HealthCare

Founded in 1901, VNA HealthCare provides home health care to 60 towns in Central Connecticut and Greater Waterbury. The agency provides care ranging from skilled nursing, hospice, rehabilitation and speech therapy to cardiac nursing. VNA HealthCare is an affiliate of Hartford HealthCare and is a Caring Partner with Saint Mary’s Hospital. The Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP) accredits the not-for-profit, Medicare-certified agency. VNA Health Care employs more than 700 employees and cares for more than 12,000 patients annually. VNA HealthCare is a top agency as ranked by 2009 HomeCare Elite™, a compilation of leading Medicare-certified home care providers based on quality outcomes, quality improvement, and financial performance.