## NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND DIVERSITY INITIATIVES

Conemaugh Health System and Conemaugh School of Nursing and Allied Health Programs affirm its commitment to non-discrimination, equal opportunity and the pursuit of diversity. Conemaugh School of Nursing and Allied Health Programs does not discriminate on the basis of sex or gender or in a protected class which includes the following: race, ethnicity, religion, color, national origin, sex, age (40 years and over), ancestry, individuals with disabilities, veteran status, sexual orientation, height, weight, genetic information, marital status, gender identity, caregiver status or familial status, in the administration of any of its educational programs, activities or with respect to employment or admissions to the Conemaugh School of Nursing and Allied Health educational programs and activities operated by recipients of Federal financial assistance.

Sexual harassment, which includes acts of sexual violence, is a form of sex discrimination prohibited by Title IX. Sexual harassment includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, nonverbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Sexual violence refers to physical sexual acts perpetrated against a person's will or where a person is incapable of giving consent due to the victim's use of drugs or alcohol, age or disability.

This policy is in accord with local, state, and federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975. Inquiries regarding these regulations, policies or complaints of discrimination should be referred to Conemaugh Health System Patient Relations at 814-534-9000. Inquiries or complaints regarding Title IX and the Title IX regulations should also be referred to the Title IX Coordinator, Patricia Huber-Smith, RN, BSN, at 814-534-9485 or <a href="mailto:phubersm@comenaugh.org">phubersm@comenaugh.org</a> and/or the Director and Associate Director of the School of Nursing.