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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Mary Danhauer
on the Medical Service Award

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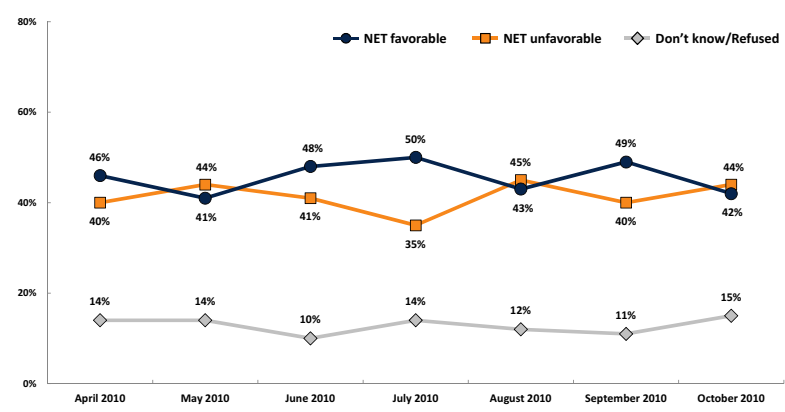
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CHART 1 Views on Health Reform: Remains Divided

As you may know, a new health reform bill was signed into law earlier this year. Given what you know about the new health reform law, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of it?



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation Health Tracking Polls

Healthcare reform will likely be a big topic during this year's midterm elections.



Steve Johnson

On behalf of OMHS Governmental, Community and Legislative Affairs, you are urged to get out and vote on Tuesday November 2nd. Regardless of your party affiliation, or who you may support, your vote will have a significant impact on the future direction of healthcare in our community, region and nation.

The graphic above shows that according to a Kaiser Family Foundation poll conducted in October, the economy continues to be the most important issue on voters' minds while dissatisfaction with government ranks second and healthcare reform ranks third.

With the November midterm elections just a few days away, Americans remain chronically divided over the Affordable Care Act, with a majority continuing to favor repeal. The legislators you elect to represent you next year in Indianapolis, Frankfort and Washington, DC will be responsible for implementation and any amendment to this comprehensive law.

Do you know where your candidates stand on healthcare issues? If you don't, please visit www.votesmart.org and find out. If you are not sure if you are registered to vote, where to vote, or your voting poll hours, please visit elect.ky.gov if you reside in Kentucky, or in.gov/ai/appfiles/electionday if you live in Indiana. Whatever you do, please vote. Our future healthcare system depends on it.



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Upcoming Events at OMHS

November 4th – Date change

OMHS Nursing Forum

This is a quarterly gathering of nurses from all areas working together to solve system-wide issues to improve the quality of patient care. The forum will be from noon until 2:00 p.m. in the OMHS Conference Center.

November 6th

The Foundation For Health's Gala

Employees are welcome to attend the annual Foundation For Health Gala event. Tickets are 50% off for employees or \$75.00 and can be payroll deducted over four pay periods. The event will be from six p.m. to midnight at the Hines Center. Please call 688-2113 to make reservations. This year's theme is 'Saturday Night Fever.'

November 16th – 18th

7 Habits of Highly Effective People

This three day workshop provides the foundation to strengthen the human side of performance at the personal, managerial and organizational levels. This course equips employees with the tools and skills to work at their highest level of effectiveness.

Do you have an OMHS related event you'd like to share in Extra? Send it to speck@omhs.org and we'll include it in the 'Upcoming Events' section!

McAuley Clinic receives Medical Service Award



Mary Danhauer, an advanced registered nurse practitioner with the McAuley Clinic, accepts the Medical Service Award at a recent ceremony in Louisville held by Health Kentucky.

Mary Danhauer representing the clinic calls the award a great honor.

The McAuley Clinic in Owensboro has received the Medical Service Award from Health Kentucky. The award is given each year to individuals or groups that make a difference in the lives of Kentuckians through personal service with respect to healthcare, according to an email from Lawrence Forgy, the president of Health Kentucky, Incorporated.

"I believe that this says volumes about the staff here," said Mary Danhauer, an advanced registered nurse practitioner with the clinic. "The team that is tirelessly working to provide quality healthcare to those without insurance."

The McAuley Clinic is a free clinic operated by OMHS. The clinic provides treatment for over 7,000 patients each year who have minor illnesses or need help staying on track with ailments such as diabetes and high blood pressure. In the past year the clinic has seen more than 14,000 visits and McAuley averages 120 new patients each month.

"I believe that it says that what we do here at McAuley is significant not only locally but also state-wide," said Danhauer. "We have been overwhelmed with the needs of people who have no insurance, who are out of work and never been in this situation before."

Health Kentucky was created in 1984 to help low-income uninsured Kentuckians get the care they need by offering free medical services and prescription medicines through a statewide nonprofit network of healthcare providers, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies and pharmacies. Last year, through Health Kentucky's hotline, they coordinated the medical services for more than 42,000 patients and the distribution of 92,000 prescriptions valued at over \$12 million.



Schedule of open enrollment assistance opportunities

HR representatives will be available to assist you with your 2011 Benefit Enrollment during the scheduled times.

Monday, November 1st

HR Classroom Parrish Campus (1st Floor)

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 2nd

Facilities Training Room

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Conference Room D (beside cafeteria)

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 3rd

MultiCare Madisonville

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

HealthPark Chapel Conference Room

12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 4th

The Springs

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Business Center

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, November 5th

HR Classroom Parrish Campus (1st Floor)

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, November 8th

Surgery Classroom (2nd Floor)

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 9th

HR Classroom Parrish Campus (1st Floor)

7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

HR Classroom Parrish Campus (1st Floor)

1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 10th

KY BioProcessing

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Business Center

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 11th

MultiCare Ohio County

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Friday, November 12th

Surgery Classroom (2nd Floor)

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

A fresh coat



Jeff Riggsby and Sherry Hodskins with the Landscaping department at OMHS put a fresh coat of paint on the street curbs near the Parrish Medical Office Building.



HIP 4th quarter is underway

4th quarter: Oct. 1st – Dec. 17th

HIP incentive money for the third quarter has been loaded on your Healthy Merits card and can now be used. If you have questions regarding your Healthy Merits account you may call 1-877-348-4533 or visit www.mybenny.com

Below is a list of classes available during the fourth quarter. You'll need to know your employee ID number when attending. For a complete list of classes, log onto the intranet and go to the Health Improvement Plan section at the bottom of the right hand column.

November 1st – 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Exercise 101

HealthPark Classroom A

November 3rd – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Smoking Cessation

Conference Room D

Cancelled: December 7th – Keeping your heart healthy

Location change: Classes will no longer be held in the New Life Education Center. All classes scheduled to be held in that room have been moved to an alternate location.

Do you have a story for Extra?
Send an email to stuart.peck@omhs.org.

It's time for President's Award nominations

THE President's AWARD

Deadline:

Please turn the nomination form in or E-Mail to Leesa Edge in Human Resource Development by Sunday, October 31, 2010.

Nominations:

Provide examples that prove the person you are nominating demonstrates the core commitments of OMHS. The selection committee will not have access to the names of the nominees; therefore, please give as many examples as possible to help understand how your nominee goes above their normal daily duties. Please remember to exclude the candidate's name, department, and gender from the nomination narrative so that it is blinded during the selection process.

Success Sharing 2011



Have you taken the Success Sharing Quiz? You can go online to www.omhs.org/success2011 and watch videos about all of the 2011 Success Sharing Goals. Once you're done, be sure and take the quiz. By watching the videos and taking the quiz, before November 30th, you'll be entered for a chance to win prizes!

United Way

The final days of the OMHS United Way campaign had the feel of a football game; it was late in the 4th quarter, the clock was winding down, and the home team needed a couple of touchdowns to pull out the victory. But like all championship teams, OMHS employees rallied under pressure to deliver a clutch performance.

Hospital employees breezed past the original campaign goal of \$150,000 and turned in an impressive \$173,358.11 in pledges and contributions. First-year campaign chair Ward Begley says it was a remarkable effort.

"This staff surpassed all expectations, and their generous giving will make a huge impact on our community and our region," Begley says. "I am thankful for every single contribution, and I am proud to work at OMHS."

Not only did OMHS surpass its goal, but the organization also turned in some other impressive statistics:

- * Employees returned 70.6% of their pledge cards
- * 54 departments returned 100% of their cards
- * 293 employees chose fair-share giving

"You OMHS folks are the best, and you all work so hard to help this community," says United Way campaign director Cindy Ferrell. "We could never thank each OMHS employee enough."

Celebration planned

A special celebration is planned for department liaisons Thursday, Nov. 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the OMHS Conference Center. "An effort of this size would not be possible without liaisons rolling up their sleeves to get the job done," says campaign chair Ward Begley.

Construction Update



An aerial view of the construction site between Pleasant Valley Road and Daniels Lane shows the footprint of the new hospital. Almost 87,000 hours of labor have gone into the construction project so far and steel is being set for the patient bed tower of the hospital. To keep up with the latest construction be sure to visit omhs.org and view the construction cam at the site.