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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Jeremy Bradford
United Way campaign chair

"This campaign means so much to the folks at United Way."

OMHS' 2011 United Way campaign kicks off



OMHS staff get up and dance as part of a flash mob at the kickoff of the United Way campaign in the conference center. The campaign runs from September 6th through the 23rd.

This year's goal is to raise \$250,000 for the United Way

Each year OMHS employees not only give their money but also their time to one of the biggest drives the hospital holds. OMHS has set a goal of \$250,000 and Jeremy Bradford, this year's campaign chair is confident employees will step up to the challenge.

"We have a very generous staff," said Bradford. "This campaign means so much to the folks at United Way and the people they help through their various projects."

The campaign will start September 6th and run through the 23rd with several fund raisers planned. MultiCare Madisonville will kick off their campaign, September 8th, which benefits the United Way of the Coal Fields chapter based in Madisonville.

"There are going to be a lot of chances to make a donation to the United Way," Bradford said. "We'll

have an auction and a raffle and different departments will be doing different things to support the campaign."

Even if an employee is unable to donate to this year's United Way campaign, Bradford encourages employees to still fill out and turn in their pledge forms. Information you provide on your pledge form helps for future campaigns. A departmental pizza party challenge is planned for this year. All departments who have 100% participation in the campaign will be entered into a raffle for a pizza party. Bradford stresses 100% participation means 100% of forms are turned in but doesn't mean 100% of employees have to give.

In addition departments who by the end of the campaign have increased their total percentage of contributors to the campaign or remained at 100% will be entered into a separate raffle for a pizza party. MultiCare Madisonville will be competing in a departmental drive as well.

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Upcoming Events at OMHS

September 20th & 21st

7 Habits for Managers

Cancelled – This class has been cancelled due to EPIC training.

Now – October 6th

Corporate Challenge

Join the OMHS team and become a part of the Corporate Challenge games! Events include kickball, tennis, disc golf, corn hole, a 5k race, tug-of-war and much more! To sign up for the challenge contact Rhonda Gray at 685-7550.

Now – November 11

Children's Health Assessments

Volunteers are needed to help facilitate children's health assessments in the Owensboro and Daviess County school systems. If you're interested in volunteering at your child or grandchild's school or another facility of if you have questions about specific dates, you can contact Janie Walther at 688-4878.

November 8th – 10th

7 Habits Signature Series

Cancelled – This class has been cancelled due to EPIC training.

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

OMHS looking at partnership with Trover Health System

OMHS is one of three remaining hospitals looking at a potential partnership with Trover.

Earlier this spring, Trover Health System in Madisonville, KY announced their intent to investigate potential strategic alliances to ensure long-term delivery of quality healthcare to the residents of their service area. Under the guidance of our board of directors, OMHS responded to a request for proposal.

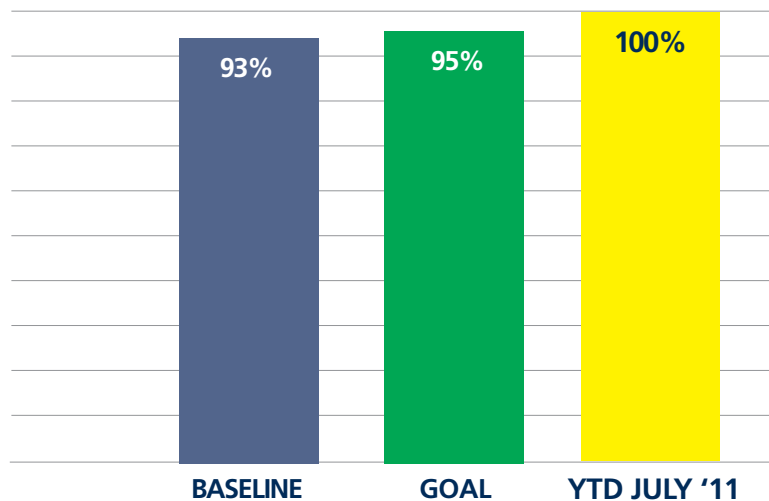
OMHS has been named as a finalist and is invited to continue to participate in discussions

and a due diligence process, along with Baptist Healthcare System in Louisville, KY and LifePoint Hospitals in Brentwood, TN.

While we are not at liberty to address specifics at this stage, we are pleased that Trover has selected OMHS as a potential partner. We believe our organizations share similar values and goals and that a strategic alignment could result in tremendous market strength in terms of quality enhancement, service delivery, physician recruitment and maintaining the most cost-effective care for patients in our region.

Organizational Goal of the Week:

5. Increase the % of pneumonia patients that receive appropriate antibiotics



Increase the percent of pneumonia patients that receive appropriate antibiotics

In May the OMHS Board of Directors approved the latest organizational goals. In addition to eight quality goals, you can view videos on the Intranet about our people, service, finance and growth goals. Go onto the Intranet and watch this week's organizational goal of the week and enter for a chance to win an iPad!!

Hospital preparing for Epic implementation

Staff began training on how to use the new electronic medical records system in August.



Jeff Laster

In about three months most every hospital employee providing patient care will begin using Epic, the new electronic medical record system that will go live hospital wide on December 1.

Employees or physicians who want to hear the early-on successes about Epic have only to talk with their peers in any of the OMHS-owned clinics. Some 20 clinics implemented Epic over the summer months and are already giving it high marks.

Most clinics are back to their pre-Epic efficiencies and gaining more ground every day.

Employees at the OMHS Center for Women's Health were excited to be part of the ambulatory Go Live, said Ginny Ball, clinic manager.

"We have been pleasantly surprised with what Epic offers," Ball said. "There's so much more to Epic. We're continuing to get better every day at using it."

Ball said one of the pleasant surprises was the after-visit summaries the system provides. The summaries provide short explanation of what transpired during the visit and also lists the patient's next appointment, she said.

So what can employees and physicians who provide care in the hospital expect in the next few months?

"Now is the time to prepare and train to use the Epic system," said Jeff Laster, training manager for the project.

Even if physicians have trained for Epic in their clinics, they will also need to complete inpatient courses, he said. Employees can find a list of training classes on the Intranet, but managers will schedule them for training, Laster said, to coordinate with department work schedules.

"We encourage everyone to be on time for class," Laster said, citing that employees could have difficulty getting up to speed if they miss a portion of the training session.

Credentialed trainers, employees who will learn the ins and outs of Epic to a degree that they can train others, are now learning the Epic ropes. Super users, employees who will assist during Go Live and assist in classroom sessions begin training in early October.

Training sessions for frontline employees will begin October 17 and run through November 30, the day prior to Go Live, Laster said.

For a complete training schedule and more information about the Epic project visit us online at omhs.org/epic.



Healthy lifestyles



The 3rd quarter of HIP is underway! Make sure to get your HIP activity in before **September 23rd** when the 3rd quarter ends. You must use and activity form to submit your activities. The activity forms and track lists can be found on the Intranet on the right side of the page under the HIP headline. For participants of the Corporate Challenge and "Strive to Eat 5" program you may count the challenge as exercise points on the "Strive to Eat 5" program. That program can only be used as a 4th quarter activity since it will not be completed until after the 3rd quarter has ended.

Third Quarter activities:

September 6th
Exercise 101
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room D

September 8th
How Can I Relax?
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
HealthPark Chapel

Fourth Quarter activities:

October 5th
Attitude Aerobics
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
HealthPark Classroom B

October 11th
Journey to becoming a non-smoker
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room D

October 12th
Journey to becoming a non-smoker
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
HealthPark Classroom B

Patient Safety Coordinator named



Kim Lindquist

Kim Lindquist has been named patient safety coordinator at OMHS, a role created to help ensure the safest possible processes and environment for patient care. Lindquist is a registered nurse and most recently served as a quality nurse specialist. She is a certified critical care and cardiac surgery nurse, and has 21 years nursing experience. Before joining OMHS in 1998 she worked at hospitals in Florida and Louisiana.

OMHS APRN receives doctorate degree



Susan Daniel,
APRN

Susan Daniel, an APRN, who works with the hospitalist team as well as with the Primary Care Center, recently graduated with her doctorate degree. She graduated with Honors from the University of Alabama.

From front: United Way

Pizza isn't the only incentive this year for getting employees to return their pledge forms. All employees, excluding the management team, who return their giving form by Monday, September 12th at 4:00 p.m. will be entered into a drawing for one of three Apple iPads. MultiCare Madisonville will be holding the same drawing for their employees with one iPad.

Last year OMHS raised \$251,251.79 in the United Way campaign and increased giving by \$9,202.15 over the 2009 campaign. This year OMHS will match .50 cents to every dollar contributed by employees to the campaign. That means employees need to raise \$167,041 to meet the goal of \$250,000.

"I know we can do this, I know we can reach this goal," Bradford said. "The United Way does so much good in the community."

Welcome new employees



Tatyana Kaprian- Emergency Department; Julie Morris- Joint Camp; Kelly Mason- Radiology; Blake Buck- ICU; Patrick Tucker- ICU; Kendra Bittel- Outpatient Surgery; Ashley O'Bryan- Laboratory; Andrew Burden- Laboratory; Nicole Smith- Laundry; Blanche Williams- HealthPark; Katherine Briem- Convenient Care; Michelle Murphy- Admitting; Stacy Law- Admitting; JoAnna Krampe- Admitting; Kekey Atherton- Patient Transport; Rebecca Havener- Call Center; Nicole Taylor- Education & Clinical Supp; Terry Frost- Sterile Processing

Town Hall Meeting video on the Intranet



The screenshot shows the OMHS Intranet interface. The main content area features a 'Success Sharing 2012' section with a video player for 'Success Sharing' and a 'What's New' section featuring a '2011 Employee Town Hall Meeting' video. The video player has a play button and a 'Watch the video' link. The page also includes a navigation menu on the left and a sidebar on the right with various service links.

Didn't get a chance to attend the forums in person? Log on to the Intranet and watch the Employee Town Hall Meeting video to be entered for a chance to win an iPad and other prizes. In addition to a chance to win an iPad, every employee who watches the video will have a \$5.00 donation made to the HOPE fund on their behalf. You must watch the video before September 16th in order to be eligible.