

For Your Information

January 2008

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TJC Critical Access Survey

Congratulations to all staff regarding the successful completion of The Joint Commission Critical Access Conversion Survey completed on December 21, 2007. Dr. Shetler, TJC Surveyor, was very complementary to all staff and physicians. He previously surveyed us in 2002 and enjoyed his return visit to Mercy Hospital last month. There were several surveyor findings, which are very common, and we have already submitted a plan of correction.

January 1, 2008 was selected as the Critical Access Hospital designation date and necessary paperwork in this process has begun. We should receive confirmation of the CAH designation within the next two months. The next step in this process is a required one-year unannounced return visit for a follow-up survey. Most likely this will occur in December 2008 and will affect Mercy Hospital, Mercy Hospice, and C.A.R.E. Medical.



New Years Baby

Bryar Scott E. was the 2008 New Year's Baby at Mercy Hospital. Bryar, son of Sarah and Brandon E., was born on January 1 and weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. He was 21 inches long. Congratulations to the Exner family!

(Note: You may recognize Sarah—she works at Altru Clinic-Lake Region as Dr. Greves' nurse).



Remember

Please report needle stick or body fluid exposures as soon as possible to either the coordinator or Maribeth Bradley, RN. You need to be seen in the ER!

Occurrence reports also need to be reported as soon as possible.

Thank You Received

Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency sent a thank you to everyone for their donations to the food pantry at Thanksgiving time. Your donations were very much appreciated and DO make a difference.

Dakota Prairie Community Action Agency serves the counties of Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Ramsey, Rolette and Towner.

SAME FACES ... DIFFERENT PLACES



Stacy M.

Stacy M. has accepted the full time Environmental Services Supervisor position effective January 14, 2007.



Joanne A., RN

Joanne A., RN, has accepted the part time Employee Health/Infection Control position effective January 27, 2007.

Please welcome Stacy and Joanne and wish them well in their new positions.

YOU are this Hospital

YOU are what people see
when they arrive here;
YOURS are the eyes they look into when
they are frightened and lonely;
YOURS are the voices people hear when
they ride the elevators;
YOURS are the comments people hear
when you think they can't;
YOURS is the intelligence and caring that
people hope they will find here.
If YOU are noisy, so is this Hospital;
If YOU are rude, so is this Hospital;
If YOU are wonderful, so is this Hospital.
This Hospital is the care YOU give, the at-
tention YOU pay, and the courtesies YOU
extend to our patients.

Memorial Health Care Systems,
Chattanooga, TN 2006

Save the Dates

The annual in-services
have been
scheduled for :

Tuesday, February 5th
Tuesday, February 19th and
Tuesday, February 26th

Please schedule accordingly
and plan to attend.



HCF Scholarships /Loan Applications are
available in the Human Resources Office
(deadline 4/01/08).

Constant kindness can
accomplish much. As
the sun makes ice melt,
kindness causes misun-
derstanding, mistrust,
and hostility to
evaporate.

—A Ibert Schweitzer

FIRE IN YOUR AREA

R: RESCUE

A: ALARM

C: CONTAIN

E: EXTINGUISH

FIRE NOT IN YOUR AREA

Close doors/windows, Follow
your department's procedure.

Reminder

When found, please bring all
lost and found items to
Human Resources as soon
as possible. Thank you.

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