

DEPARTMENT OF THE MONTH:

The Laundry Department has been chosen as MCHI's May, 2010, Department of the Month. They do such a great job – washing and folding literally tons of laundry. Slipping between clean sheets helps comfort our patients and impacts infection control. They work in a small area and always work as a team. Their behind-the-scenes work improves the care we give to the patients and residents. Thank You. Every Day.



Wendy Vlieger, Helga Young,
Nellie Niefeld
Not pictured: Wendy Wilson

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Michelle Beed, MA/CNA, MCC, has been chosen as MCHI's May, 2010, Employee of the Month. Michelle makes every MCC resident feel as if they have a purpose to life. It is apparent that her



caring comes truly from her heart. When our mom was sick, she was right there. She took her time with mom and made her as comfortable as possible. She always does a little extra with a beautiful smile. We are fortunate to have someone like Michelle taking care of our residents. Congratulations Michelle!

Healthland EMR News

We have the dates for our electronic medical record implementation for both the MHC and MCC. Memorial Health Clinic will begin their journey on May 3 and the planned "go-live" date is June 29. MCC is set to begin on July 26 and "go-live" on August 17. Boy, is it going to be a busy summer!

Thanks to all the MCHI employees who so generously donated their time, talents, gifts and money to the Annual Charitable Gala and Auction. Your support contributed greatly to the success of our event, making it "An Unforgettable Evening"! Congratulations to the winner of our Las Vegas Raffle....Laurie Andrews!

Thanks everyone for great turnout at the Book Fair as well, we had over \$3000 in sales for the book fair. The next book fair will be August 26th!

FIRE!

What is the first thing you do?
Pull the alarm.
But where is it!
Running down the hall.
Looking, looking, looking.
WEHRE IS THE FIRE ALARM???



Fire alarms are at the Exit Doors.
<breathing easier now>

SERVICE AWARDS PICNIC

Be sure to mark Thursday, July 15 on your calendar because you won't want to miss the Service Awards Picnic. It will be held at the Leadership Center with an indoor picnic and all the trimmings! The picnic dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30, buffet style, with the Service Awards being presented at 6:16 pm. Following the meal, the Leadership Center Facilities will be open to enjoy, including swimming, horse-shoes, paddle boats, basketball, etc... Retirees will also be honored at this picnic. Plan to attend, it really is great fun!

Check your Swank e-learning "My Assigned Training" tab. The annual HIPAA training has been assigned with a due date by May 30, 2010.

SCARY BUT EXCITING CONSTRUCTION NEWS

The Board of Directors, at their meeting on April 20, officially approved to proceed with the phase 2 and 3 building plans.

Exciting because this will go a very long way in providing space and modernization to many parts of our building that desperately need both. Besides the obvious upgrades and construction, it will also modernize our heating and air conditioning which can be a huge issue for staff and patient comfort – especially in the spring and fall - and replace a lot of 1964 mechanical equipment.

Scary because the project comes with a very large price tag of close to \$10 million dollars, considering all the furnishing, etc needed. Add that to the \$4.3 million of the last project and that is very serious money. But it is less money than many CAH hospitals in Nebraska are spending for replacement facilities, which would be closer to \$25 million. Please be assured that the Board gave careful consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of proceeding. The area banks have also had several meetings with us regarding the project and the debt load we will have. They are comfortable with our debt and ability to repay the loan. As an organization, we have to continue to move forward and maintain our facilities to order to be competitive for the next 40 years.

The project will be bid out in 2 packages. The first bid package will include the dirt work, foundations and exterior walls of all 3 areas of new construction – MCC, Dietary, and ER. This will allow the project to move forward this summer and hopefully be completely enclosed prior to winter. The 2nd bid package will include the mechanical, electrical and all of the interior finish of the new construction and the remodel areas. The expectation is that we will be ready with this package in July.

The timeline established by JE Dunn, our Construction Management firm, calls for substantial completion of the entire project 20 months after acceptance of the initial bid package. So... this is your last chance to review plans for your areas!

MCHI PHOTO CONTEST

We live in an area filled with beauty and charm, what better way to promote the area we call home than through a calendar featuring photography of Hamilton and Clay County.

Contest entries can be shot with a digital or film-based camera. All photos must be of subject matter located in Hamilton or Clay County, and may include landscapes, wildlife, architecture, people, etc. Altered images (photography manipulated for quality and/or for artistic purposes) are acceptable. Entries must be titled and the location of the subject matter must be noted. Original photography taken prior to contest notification may be submitted; however, previously published photographs and photographs that have been submitted to other contests are not allowed. The photographer must be an MCHI employee or Board Member.

All photographs must be submitted to Laurie Andrews by August 31, 2010.

NOTES FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE WORK GROUP

- ◆ If an employee suffers an injury while at work, an incident report must be completed. The Supervisory form must be completed by the employee's supervisor or a co-worker if the supervisor is not available. The purpose of this form is to immediately evaluate the situation which caused the employee injury and determine if there are any actions which should be taken to prevent others from similar injuries.
- ◆ The facility-wide tornado drill was very beneficial. All departments should report to the appropriate nurse's station to assist with patient/resident evacuation prior to seeking their own shelter.
- ◆ All flammable products (usually decorative items) must be sprayed with a fire retardant prior to use. Chris Kennedy-Engert and Becky Guptill are trained in the product application and required record keeping.

NEW HEARING SCREENING CLINIC

We are starting a new hearing clinic with Clarity Hearing Clinics, starting on June 4. To schedule an appointment, please call their main office at 308-224-2072. The clinic will be held in Conference Room C.

PENSION MEETINGS:

Greg Ritzdorf and Jeff Wallace from The Olson Group will be holding individual pension meetings Tuesday, May 11, in the Hospital East Lobby. At 1:00 pm, Jeff will be available at EPV. Schedule your appointment with Janet, at Ext. 8205, for your individual meeting.

