

Welcome:

Lynda Nepinsky, Aurora, Physical Therapy Receptionist
 Sherilyn Larson-Treptow, Aurora, RN, MCC
 Sharon Kliewer, Aurora, LPN, MCC

DEPARTMENT OF THE MONTH:

The Immunization Clinic staff have been selected as MCHIs August, 2010, Department of the Month. They are very team oriented and consumer friendly. They are willing to go the extra mile and cover for each other. They have one of the highest percentages of immunization coverage rates among public health clinics in the state.

Immunization staff include: Leeta Christie, Janet Peters, Patty Widga, Sharon Spotanski, Bonnie Jones, Bertina Andersen, Carla Carlson, Carla Nunnenkamp, and Jan Petersen.

UPDATES WITH DIANE:

The time has come again for another round of "Update" meetings with Diane. Please review the calendar and try to attend.

Wednesday, August 11
 Conference Room at
 7:30 am, 10:00 am

Thursday, August 12
 Clay Center at 7:30 am
 Conference Room at
 12:00 pm

Wednesday, August 18
 Conference Room at
 10:00 am, 11:30 am,
 12:30 pm, 2:00 pm
 EPV at 4:00 pm

Friday, August 20
 Conference Room at
 7:30 am, 1:30 pm, 3:30 pm

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Marianne Meyer, RN, Memorial Health Clinic, and Memorial Hospital Surgery Department has been selected as MCHIs August, 2010, Employee of the Month. Marianne is the essence of a nurse. She is knowledgeable and serves as a resource to others. She provides excellent patient care but more than that, she makes a difference. When Marianne cares for a patient, they *know* they are in good hands. She listens to the patients but more than that, she really hears what they say. Congratulations Marianne!



Honored for their years of service are Jolene Fox, Pam Janzen, Eileen Eastman, Patty Wall, Liz Bicknase, Linda Higbea, Deb Auch, Carla Carlson, Sandy DeMers, Ann Oswald, Bob Brown, Margie Gross

What a fun time at the Service Awards



Picnic. The food was great, the pool was full and we had our largest turn-out ever! Check the Intranet for the Slide Show presentation.



Retirees are Jolene Fox, Eileen Eastman, Patty Wall, Liz Bicknase, and Sandy DeMers.

Be sure to periodically check Swank for new courses. All RN licenses expire in October and re-licensure credits can be obtained through Swank.

THANK YOU

Thank You

A "BIG" thank you to everyone who helped make our Fireworks Display and Ice Cream Social a great success. Especially Chris & Roger, Becky, Dana, Mary, JT, Layta, Terrill

and the evening staff. Also to Sue and the Maintenance Department for the chairs and cones.

Marlene and Pam



PENSION MEETINGS:

Greg Ritzdorf and Jeff Wallace from The Olson Group will be holding individual pension meetings Tuesday August 10 in the hospital front lobby. Schedule your appointment with Janet, at Ext. 8205, for your individual meeting.

SOMETHING NEW ON YOUR ANNUAL REVIEW FORM

Before any individual begins employment for MCHI, multiple background checks are conducted. One part of the background check includes verification that the individual is *not* on the Nebraska Sex Offender Registry. Although there is not a regulation to periodically re-verify employees through the Registry, we believe it is the right thing to do. This not only helps insure the safety of our patients and residents, but also insures the safety of our employees. The reverification will be completed prior to your annual evaluation and it will be noted on your Annual Review form.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Well, like every other project, things have not moved as quickly as expected. There are so many decisions. I did not know that you could spend 6 hours just talking about what hardware you needed on what doors, the lock or not lock, key or keypad.

Moving the walk-in freezer, oxygen tanks, and creating a new ER door in the East lobby is scheduled for mid-August. Once construction begins, both the ER door and the Admissions door will not be accessible. During the day all patients will be asked to enter either through the Clinic and directed to Admissions or enter through the East lobby. After clinic hours, all patients, visitors, walk-in ER's, ambulance, etc, will have to enter through the east lobby. Articles will be placed in the paper and letters sent to the local ambulance services. We are getting signs made for highway 34 and 7th Street to identify that as the ER Entrance. There will also be a sign at the drive and another one on the building by the east lobby door. Hopefully this will guide the public to the correct entrance. Helicopters will still have to land on the helipad. The plan is to have them enter through the clinic all the time. Hospital staff will be trained to lock and unlock the doors to the clinic.

The mechanical, electrical and dietary bid package is set to go out August 6. Then we have created a 3rd bid package that includes the interior finishes that should be ready by August 27. August will be very busy with making final decisions for all areas.

We have had a preliminary meeting with the interior designer. She has a general color scheme identified and will be bringing samples for individual departments to view.

Employee update meetings are scheduled for mid-August. Please try to attend so we can discuss any issues with all the moving, noise and confusion that will be coming.

HEALTH INSURANCE MEETINGS

The annual Health Insurance meetings will be held on Monday, August 9, at 0730, 1200, and 1530.

GROUND BREAKING
Monday, August 30
at 10:00 am.

Governor Dave Heineman will be the featured speaker.

