A SUMMER OF PROGRESS

It’s exciting to watch the progress we’re making at The University of Arizona Health Network this summer.

- A new Emergency Department and behavioral health facilities at our South Campus.
- Record-breaking numbers of new medical residents.
- A nod from “America’s Best Hospitals.”
- National recognition for our scorpion antivenom studies.
- A new name and brand.

And as our integration journey continues, we’re beginning to interview candidates for the position of hospital administrator, first for the South Campus and then for the University Campus. These administrators will report to Karen Mlawsky as CEO of our Hospital Division. I am very pleased at the quality of the candidates and hope to announce the names of these two new administrators within the next several months.

Meanwhile, Karen is serving as interim Administrator of the University Campus, and this week I have named Sarah Frost as the interim Administrator at the South Campus. Many of you know Sarah. She has been with our organization since 2004, most recently as Associate Hospital Administrator/Chief Administrative Officer for the South Campus. In that role, Sarah has been a leader in the hospital’s operational growth, strategic planning and program development. She has served as our primary liaison to Pima County officials regarding contracts and initiatives. As interim Administrator, Sarah will help the South Campus continue on its positive trajectory. Please welcome Sarah to her new position when you see her.

I would like to thank Diane Rafferty for her service as CEO of the South Campus. Diane, a senior executive with the Alvarez & Marsal consulting firm, has taken on a new assignment for her company and will be moving on to assist other health systems. She has served us well and we thank her for her guidance and dedication. We wish her all the best in her next endeavor.

More progress for our Health Network: The Governor’s Oversight Task Force will meet for the first time on Sept. 6 in Phoenix. This first session will be an opportunity to share information about our organization with the task force members and to present some recommendations from our Board of Directors on governance structure. We look forward to beginning this dialogue and to finalizing our governance structure and our integration.

And last but not least, congratulations on your September bonus! During these tough economic times, it is a tribute to all of you that we have the money to do this for nearly 6,000 employees.

Thank you for all that you do every day, and please enjoy a safe and restful Labor Day weekend.

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