

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA HOSPITALS
MEDICAL STAFF MEETING
MAY 6, 2008
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The quarterly meeting of the Medical Staff of the University of South Alabama Hospitals was held in the John Counts Room of the Mitchell Center on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. Richard Teplick, MD, Chief of Staff, called the meeting to order.

A roster of attendance is available in the Medical Staff Credentials Office.

Following welcoming remarks, Dr. Richard Teplick introduced new Medical Staff members. Dr. Teplick also discussed with the Medical Staff a proposed by-laws addition and opened the floor to questions and comments. Changes to the by-laws were required secondary to new Joint Commission standards requiring focused professional practice evaluation for initial granting of physician privileges and a focused review due to peer review variance. After extended discussion, the Medical Staff members felt the wording in the suggested by-laws additions needed to be changed and sent back to the respective Medical Executive Committees for further review. A proposal was made and seconded to table approval of the by-laws addition.

Stan Hammack, Vice President, Health System discussed the State Budget, Blue Cross, Quality, Medicaid and other Health System issues that would affect the hospital financially in 2008/2009.

Dr. Samuel Strada, Dean, College of Medicine gave an update on the College of Medicine and informed the medical staff that a Search Committee headed by Dr. Loran Clement had been formed to recommend a permanent Chairman for the Department of Surgery.

Dr. Ronald Franks, Vice President Health Sciences discussed some upcoming changes that could affect practitioner and pharmaceutical companies' relations. The floor was then opened for questions or concerns.

Beth Anderson, Hospital Administrator for the USA Medical Center presented Core Measures and HCAHPS scores for the USA Medical Center compared to surrounding area hospitals and the national/state average. The floor was then opened for any questions or comments.

Steve Burford, Assistant Administrator for USA Children's and Women's Hospital provided an update on construction projects in progress at USA Children's and Women's Hospital.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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