

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents

From: Board Office

Subject: Meeting of the Board of Regents as the Trustees of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

Date: January 6, 2003

Recommended Actions:

1. Receive the quarterly report on the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC).
 2. Approve revisions of Bylaws as noted below.
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Executive Summary:

The agenda for the Quarterly UIHC Report consists of three reports:

- ❑ An update on UIHC Operations, Programs and Finances
 - ❑ Revisions in Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the UIHC and its Clinical Staff
 - ❑ UI Hospitals and Clinics' Bioemergency Preparedness and Smallpox Immunization Planning
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Quarterly Update

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics' fiscal year 2003 operating margin through November 2002 is below budgeted levels but above the operating margin earned during the comparable period a year ago.

Operations/
Programs/
Finances

- ❑ Revenues continue to be depressed by reductions in the State of Iowa Medicaid funding, the Indigent Patient Care Program, and changes in other sources of reimbursement for patient care.
- ❑ During the period July 1, 2002 to November 30, 2002, clinic visits increased 0.3%.
- ❑ Acute inpatient admissions increased 2.6% compared to the same period during the preceding fiscal year.
- ❑ During the first five months of fiscal year 2003, the average length of inpatient stays decreased 3.4%, while inpatient days decreased 1.0%.
- ❑ Compared to FY 2002, total operating revenue for the first five months of FY 2003 increased 7.7%.
- ❑ Expenses, including salaries and wages, increased 7.3%.

- UIHC recorded an operating margin of 2.3% for the first five months of FY 2003, compared to 1.9% for the comparable period of FY 2002.
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Bylaws Amendments

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| 1) Eliminate Internal Audit Subcommittee | It is recommended that the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, amend the Bylaws by deleting Article III, Section 5, because the UIHC internal audit functions have been reorganized and merged into the internal audit functions of the University of Iowa. |
| 2) Relating to Outpatient Rehabilitative Services | It is recommended that Article VIII, Section 1, be amended to delete current language limiting UIHC physical therapist services to patients who have been referred by physicians. New language is recommended that will permit UIHC physical therapists and occupational therapists to provide services to patients who are either referred by a physician, or to outpatients who seek physical therapy services without physician referral, to the extent that physical therapist providing the service is licensed for independent practice. |
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Bioemergency Preparedness

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| Bioemergency Preparedness | In concert with the recent episode of anthrax bioterrorism, the US Public Health Service has made significant resources available to the states for bioterrorism prevention and planning. The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPHS) which is responsible for this effort in Iowa, has brought hospitals, physicians and other health care providers from the statewide community into this planning. |
| Infection Control Plan | At the UI Hospitals and Clinics, an interim Bioemergency Preparedness Infection Control Plan is in place. The Plan is an immediate reference source for primary caregivers and would be used in initiating a response to an infectious disease emergency. The goals of the proposed plan include serving affected patients, protecting staff and facilities, and working with area hospitals, clinics and public health officials to ensure an effective community response. |
| Statewide Smallpox Immunization Plan | With expert input, the IDPH has recently developed a statewide plan for pre-event small pox immunization. The UIHC and other Iowa hospitals with necessary expertise have been asked to volunteer for leadership roles in pre-event small pox immunization. |
| UIHC Smallpox Immunization Planning Document | The UIHC has also developed a smallpox immunization planning document which identifies a team of UI Hospitals and Clinics physicians and other staff who would volunteer for immunization before a bioterrorism event involving smallpox occurs and then be prepared to care for patients with smallpox. The plan also includes recommendations for safe delivery of smallpox vaccine to UIHC staff members, and the administrative procedures and responsibilities associated with the vaccination program. |
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UIHC Exhibit Complete material on agenda and exhibits is included in a separate University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics docket.



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Approved: 

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