

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: October 6, 2003

Recommended Actions:

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

The agenda for the Quarterly UIHC Report will consist of five oral reports:

- 1) An update on UIHC Operations, Programs and Finances
 - 2) Report on Delegated Governance Functions
 - 3) Revisions of Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the UIHC and its Clinical Staff
 - 4) Nursing Workforce: Magnet Hospital Update
 - 5) UIHC Health Care Information Systems Strategic Plan
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Quarterly Update

Operations/
Programs/
Finances

- The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics completed fiscal year 2003 with patient volumes exceeding expectations.
 - During the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003, both acute inpatient admissions and outpatient clinic visits increased 3.1% compared to the same period during the preceding fiscal year. Total operating revenue reported for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003 was 5.2% higher than the preceding year.
 - The FY 2003 operating margin of 2.3% exceeds the 1.9% margin reported the previous year.
 - The operating margin did fall short of the Hospitals and Clinics' financial plans.
 - Higher volumes were offset by continued reductions in federal Medicare funding and in higher costs for medical supplies, implants and pharmaceuticals, reflecting national trends.
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Report on UIHC Delegated Governance

- As delegated by the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, through the University of Iowa President, the University Hospital Advisory Committee acts as an internal governing body in establishing internal policies and procedures; evaluating the quality of professional services and utilization of hospital facilities and services; and, granting or decreasing clinical privileges.
 - The report will summarize agendas and actions taken during the past fiscal year.
 - A summary of UIHC's current Quality Improvement Program is also included in the report.
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Bylaws Amendments

Change Will
Better Define
Subcommittee's
Work

- 1) Bylaws Amendment Changing the Charge to the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Subcommittee

Article III, Section 5B.15 is recommended to be amended to better define the work of the Subcommittee in overseeing the contemporary delivery of medications and healthcare education.

Name Change of
Subcommittee

- 2) Bylaws Amendment Changing the Name of the House Staff Affairs Subcommittee

Article III, Section 5.B.12 is recommended to be amended to change the subcommittee's name to Graduate Medical Education Committee which is the standard nomenclature used nationally in Graduate Medical Education.

Nursing Workforce: Magnet Hospital Update

The presentation updates progress on UIHC's application to the American Nurses Credentialing Center for designation as a Magnet Hospital.

This premier designation in nursing practice documents UIHC's comprehensive excellence in nursing care for patients and research to advance the nursing practice.

Pursuit of designation as a Magnet Hospital is also a key component of the institution's aggressive recruitment and retention initiatives.

UIHC Health Care Information Systems Strategic Plan

Through strategic planning, major investments have been made and are planned to advance information technology assistance in UIHC's clinical and administrative services.

The report will provide an update of progress in the strategic plan – a vision for the future and analysis of the return on investment in information technology applications for health care delivery.

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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