



Birthing Center News, August 12, 2014

- Construction Update: The classroom is almost complete, and now serving as our break room while the break room is renovated. The break room will be finished, hopefully, by the 15th. We are installing vinyl floor instead of carpet.

We will be starting on the hallways and patient rooms very soon. This will require patience and happy faces as we enter the stage of construction that will really impact us. I will be posting the staging of the different areas of the unit so you will all know what is coming next. At some point we will be moving the Nursery and the Nurses' Station into patient rooms while those areas are renovated.

Many of the stages will close off a portion of the corridor to do the walls. The enclosures will be designed so that in an emergency we can literally tear them open to get to the OR if that is the preferred route.

I welcome feedback on artwork for the new unit. Ideas so far:

- Baby/family pictures in the hallways. I know we have several local photographers interested in displaying their portraits. Infant photography is very trendy right now with cutesy outfits and swaddling in weird fabrics, and always the Anne Geddes look. Let's think about what we really want, recognizing that we will be looking at them every day.
- Landscapes, farms and fields, nature shots for the interior of the rooms.
- Paintings versus photographs
- Quilts of birds (just kidding 😊)

- Documentation updates:
 - The “search” function to find patients in OBIX has been fixed and using the name is much quicker than it had been.
 - PLEASE remember to enter the “Newborn” as a reported problem in Mckesson on the Patient Profile
- Staffing update: Brittany Burke continues orientation. Hannah DeMarco is our other new tech and she started NAB yesterday. We are making an offer to Julie O’Hehir, RN, for full time nights. Hazel got approval for two per diems, Brooke Beniamino (formerly of Geneva) and Lori VanAken (instructor from Finger Lakes School of Nursing) so they should also be on board soon.
- The Morehead survey is complete. Thank you for your participation. We ended up at 100%. That is awesome! We will have results soon.
- Please look at the education grid on the break room door. If you have completed items that are not recorded, send the copies of your completion record to Associate Services.

Courtney is working with Corporate Communications on a breastfeeding blog. More to come as this is developed.

We have struggled to re-schedule the August staff meeting, as I am Supervisor on the 26th. We decided today to give it up since we start NRP re-certification in September, and just skip to the scheduled meeting on October 28th.

Hope everyone is having a great summer, hard to believe we are almost done with it!

Your proud Director, Deb