



Making the Connection



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Welcome & Introduction

As we enter into Fiscal Year 2010, we are positioning the USC/GHS Academic Health System (AHS) as the “brand” for our relationship. Key to our success now and in the future will be attention to strategically planning our path forward.

This issue will provide a brief update from the AHS Oversight Committee meeting held August 26, 2009. Specifically, we will introduce faces of leaders in their respective institution who will play a key role in the AHS.

We are pleased with the progress made to position the Institute for Advancement of Health Care (IAHC) to be the cornerstone of the AHS. We will highlight key functions of the IAHC and identify goals that will guide the development and implementation over the next 3 years.



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USC/GHS Academic Health System (AHS)

Academic Health System is the organizational structure which will integrate various elements of University of South Carolina and Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center, respectively, to create the USC/GHS Academic Health System. It will develop and support initiatives to coordinate USC research and education programs with GHS clinical programs, support workforce development, leverage the resources of the respective parties, and enhance the reputations of the USC Health Sciences Division and the Greenville Hospital System.

*We affirm and endorse the USC/GHS **Academic Health System** as the “brand” for the expanded USC/GHS relationship.*

- USC/GHS AHS Oversight Committee, August 26, 2009

Co-Chairs: USC President Harris Pastides and GHS President & CEO Mike Riordan

New Member of the AHS Oversight Committee – USC Provost Michael Amiridis



Dr. Michael Amiridis has been named USC Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost effective August 15th. In his role as Provost, he will replace Dr. Ted Moore on the USC/GHS AHS Oversight Committee. Welcome Provost Amiridis. President Pastides said he is confident of Amiridis' success as the University's academic leader. "I have known Dr. Amiridis in several capacities since I came to the University nearly 11 years ago, and I've had the privilege of watching him take on new challenges and handle each with professionalism, leadership, and collegiality.

USC/GHS Inter-Institutional Leadership

Inter-institutional leaders are in place to provide oversight and coordination of Academic Health System (AHS) Specific Initiatives while ensuring alignment with the mission and goals of both institutions. The Oversight and Executive Committees are in place to manage, develop, and support the USC/GHS AHS.

AHS Executive Committee

During the August 26, 2009 Academic Health System (AHS) Oversight Committee meeting, the following were approved as the AHS Executive Committee and will be co-chaired by Russ Pate (USC) and Brenda Thames (GHS). These leaders will connect USC and GHS academic/clinical opportunities. * Welcome new members of the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee Members

USC Vice Provost, Health Sciences – Russ Pate, PhD

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* **Spence Taylor, MD**
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Institute for Advancement of Health Care (IAHC)



Transforming Health Care through a Total Health Perspective

The Total Health philosophy provides a robust framework for the Institute for Advancement of Health Care (IAHC) and contributes to health care transformation in South Carolina and beyond. Total Health is an interdisciplinary collaborative practice model based on patient-centered, standardized, evidence-based, integrated care delivery, and disease prevention and health promotion strategies with reportable quality and financial outcomes. The IAHC will be developed and implemented per the Total Health philosophy. To this end, the IAHC will be a catalyst for transforming health care through education/workforce development and research/innovations (eg. comparative effectiveness) initiatives.

McKeown Appointed to IAHC Directorship



Robert E. McKeown, Ph.D., has been appointed to serve as Interim Director of the Institute for Advancement of Healthcare (IAHC). Dr. McKeown serves as Chair of the USC Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and also directs the University's Health Sciences Research Core. He holds Ph.D.s in both Theology (Duke University) and Epidemiology (USC). McKeown is an epidemiologist specializing in studies of mental health outcomes in children and youth. His research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Duke Endowment and several other agencies.

As Interim Director of the IAHC McKeown will be responsible for managing the activities of the Institute as it becomes fully operational over the next year. In announcing McKeown's appointment Dr. Andrew Sorensen, President of the IAHC, said "I am delighted that Professor McKeown has agreed to serve as Interim Director of the Institute for Advancement of Health Care. He is unusually well qualified for this position, not only due to his stature as a respected epidemiologist, but also by virtue of his desire to promote the health of our communities through programs in disease prevention and improving the quality of health care. As President of this Institute, I look forward to working with him on this important initiative."

McKeown's vision for the IAHC is one that will leverage the considerable resources of the Greenville Hospital System and the University of South Carolina. In accepting the Interim Directorship of the IAHC, McKeown said, "One often hears that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. It is my hope that over the next few years we will see a vivid demonstration of that in the innovative and influential projects that will emerge from the IAHC and the broader alliance between USC and GHS."

IAHC Function

The IAHC will function as an entity . . .

- To connect USC & GHS resources around development & support of GHS clinical programs and USC academic programs
- To focus resources on major & innovative initiatives involving education & workforce development; translational research; & total health research & development
- Initiatives will be driven by GHS and USC strategic plans, goals and stakeholders/customer leaders
- Efforts will be directed toward staying focused, eliminating silo focused effort, promoting complementary processes, & avoiding internally competitive initiatives

IAHC Strategic Goals 2010 - 2012

- Establish a Blue Ribbon Panel to inform and support Specific Initiatives designed to advance health care delivery.
- Develop and submit the CoEE Endowed Chair proposal for the IAHC Director position.
- Operationalize the leadership roles and responsibilities as outlined in the leadership framework.
- Develop a comprehensive workforce development model that is innovative and outlines multiple pathways for student health care learning experiences.
- Develop infrastructure support for a Total Health research program designed to study and inform health and health care delivery.
- Develop a comprehensive external funding strategy for the IAHC.
- Develop and implement communication tactics (i.e. newsletter, website, promotional materials) for internal and external stakeholders.

Dr. Thomas (Tommy) Chandler is new Dean of the Arnold School of Public Health



G. Thomas (Tommy) Chandler, interim dean of the Arnold School of Public Health since August 2007, has been named dean of the school. Dr. Chandler identified many goals for the school related to health.

One of his goals is “leveraging the Greenville Hospital System initiative to bring quality graduate public health education to the Upstate.” This goal aligns with the Academic Health System’s aspiration to address issues related to future workforce needs.

USC Health Sciences Research Core (HSRC)

The USC Health Sciences Research Core (HSRC) provides a central core of methodological, biostatistical, and epidemiologic collaboration, consultation and support in matters such as research design, implementation, data management, analysis, and interpretation. Our primary mission is to assist researchers in obtaining external research funding and provide essential methodological and statistical support in conduct of funded research. We are planning to expand services of the HSRC in support of the Institute for the Advancement of Health Care, but also supporting other USC/GHS research efforts. Training is also a central part of the HSRC mission. For more about HSRC or to contact us, please visit our web site at www.sc.edu/hsrc.

USC/GHS Communication Links

In addition to this newsletter, see the website link for the USC Times published monthly and GHS Vital Signs published quarterly. **USC Times:** (<http://www.sc.edu/usctimes/>) **GHS Vital Signs:** (<http://www.ghs.org/Content.aspx?id=78502>)

GHS Health Sciences Library

The GHS University Medical Center Health Sciences Library now offers assistance to researchers through the database RefWorks/RefShare. Similar to EndNote, and ProCite, RefWorks is a web-based bibliographic management service, so no software is needed. Through this access, available from any computer with internet connection, researchers can gather, manage, store and share information as well as generate citations and bibliographies.

Fay Towell is the Director of the GHS Library. She works collaboratively with Ruth Riley, Director of the USC School of Medicine Library.



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Refer to the Networking Agreement Executive Summary at the following Web site addresses to learn more about the USC/GHS relationship:

USC: <http://www.sc.edu/research/>

GHS: <http://www.ghs.org/Content.aspx?id=78480>