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One of the things I appreciate most about working at CHS is seeing the many ways each of you make a difference, often in ways you may not even realize.

Recently, we've had several reminders of the great work happening across our organization. Through Rater8, we've seen some really encouraging feedback, with our average rating increasing to 4.86 compared to 3.08 in 2025. That's something to be proud of! Behind every rating is someone's experience with our organization. The way we greet people, answer questions, explain things, and take a little extra time to help can make a lasting impression. Thank you to everyone who plays a part in making our patients and their families feel cared for.

We also recently hosted our 30th Women's Health Conference, welcoming 127 attendees for an evening focused on education, health, and wellness. The conference received an overall rating of 9.4 out of 10, and 100% of those who completed evaluations said they would recommend it to a friend. A big thank-you to Tracy Jones for coordinating such a successful event and to everyone who helped make it happen. It's a great example of how we extend our impact beyond the walls of the hospital and into the community we serve.

Another moment that made me proud was our recent emergency operations drill with Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, KDHE, and Coffey County Emergency Preparedness. The drill challenged our team to respond to a complex situation, and I was proud to see our staff step up, take ownership of their roles, and lead the response. We received wonderful feedback from our evaluators, reinforcing what I already know: we have a team capable of doing great things when we work together!

These three examples look very different, but they share something important. Whether we're improving a patient's experience, providing valuable health education to our community, or preparing to respond to an emergency, the work comes back to our people. It takes commitment, preparation, teamwork, and employees who care about doing their jobs well and serving our community.

We won't get everything right every time, and there will always be opportunities to improve. What matters is that we continue learning, supporting one another, and looking for ways to make things better for the people who count on us.

Thank you for the work you do, the care you provide, and the part each of you plays in making CHS a place our community can trust.

Stacy Augustyn
Chief Executive Officer

Nominate a colleague for the DAISY or BEE Award

Do you know that all CHS associates are eligible for the DAISY (nurses) or BEE Awards?

The nomination process is quick and easy! Use the QR code below or visit www.coffeyhealth.org/patientexperience and answer a few questions about how your nominee goes above and beyond for our patients, residents, and teammates!

If you have questions, please visit with Shelly Moss or Suzanne Garcia.

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Stacy Augustyn
Chief Executive Officer

Tracy Jones
Director of Marketing

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Cash position improves, board tours new ambulance

During the October monthly meeting, the board visited the ambulance bay to see a new ambulance. Coffey County EMS Director Jesse Presley demonstrated new features in this unit that enhance safety and care delivery while in transit. The new ambulance replaces the fleet's oldest unit, which incurred catastrophic engine failure after a series of costly mechanical issues.

Chief Financial Officer Ray Leadbetter reported that the organization's cash position increased in September due to a $591,000 catch-up payment based on the 2025 cost report, a $121,647 provider tax payment, and a $74,000 grant for emergency medical services. September profit is higher than budgeted, and operating expenses are lower than budgeted for the month and year to date. In the consent agenda, the board authorized cash expenditures totaling $960,046.40.

"All in all, it was a great month," Leadbetter said, though he cautioned that the improved cash position must be kept in perspective. "On a monthly basis, we're above $2.5 million in operating expenses. This cash seems good—and it's better than it has been—but in the whole scheme of things I always relate it to 'You're at home, and you've got a mortgage and $5,000 a month in expenses, and you've got $10,000 in the bank: you're not rich.' It's just proportionally bigger numbers."

Chief Medical Officer John Shell presented the monthly recommendations for medical staff appointments and re-appointments. The list included the resignation of Otolaryngologist Scot Hirschi, M.D., who has run an ear-nose-throat practice in the Coffey County Hospital Specialty Clinic since 2008. This led to a discussion of the challenges rural, independent hospitals face in attracting and retaining specialists.

"It's a tough area because it's really evolved. In the last 20 years—especially the last 10—we used to have 20 specialists here frequently, but that is falling out of favor more and more with specialists at bigger hospitals. Attracting those providers to our facility is more difficult," Shell said. "It does affect our bottom line, because when we can't keep those patients here, they're going elsewhere. The reason the old model worked was that (the specialists) were in private practice. They didn't have overhead when they were here, and attracting new patients to your practice is good. We're seeing more shortages in certain specialty fields now, and fewer physicians in private practice, so they're busy enough that they don't need to travel."

With more specialists employed by urban hospitals, ancillary care for their patients (imaging, laboratory, etc.) tends to go to the employing hospital—taking even more from rural hospitals' bottom line.

Despite the difficulty in attracting specialty providers to rural hospitals, Augustyn reports that CHS is committed to bringing as many practices as possible.

On the consent agenda, the board accepted Hirschi's resignation and granted an initial appointment for Tele-Radiologist Wyatt Hadley, M.D., and reappointments for Cardiologist Arnold Graham, M.D., Tele-Radiologist Amisha Khicha, M.D., Cardiologist Zia Rahman, M.D., and Tele-Neurologist Ammar Tarabichi, M.D.

In other business, Chief Nursing Officer Suzanne Garcia reviewed the quarterly Quality Management Oversight Committee report and the Quality Indicator Dashboard, including new measures being implemented to meet Rural Health Transportation Program parameters.

Director of Marketing Tracy Jones summarized the Oct. 14 Women's Health Conference, which drew 124 attendees. Speakers included Cindy Samuelson from the Kansas Hospital Association, who discussed key facts about traditional Medicare versus Medicare Advantage; CHS Nurse Practitioner Ashley Beying, who discussed symptoms and treatment options for menopause; and Michelle Niedens from the University of Kansas Medical Center's Cognitive Care Center, who discussed new methods for the early diagnosis of dementia.

Augustyn covered the quarterly Risk Management Report, which included 61 Standard of Care 1 determinations and 13 Standard of Care 2 determinations. A SOC1 determination reflects that the risk posed no detrimental effect on appropriate care. SOC2 reflects that care fell below the established standard but carried no reasonable probability of harm or injury. The report showed zero SOC 3s or 4s, which would have warranted mandatory reporting and could have included disciplinary action.



During the October meeting, Coffey County EMS Director Jesse Presley led a tour of the new ambulance. Presley discussed features that improve both patient care and staff safety. The new ambulance replaces the fleet's oldest unit, which incurred catastrophic engine failure after a series of costly mechanical issues. This investment helps ensure our EMS team has reliable equipment to respond when our community needs them most.

Augustyn reported that two interviews had been conducted and more were planned for the Director of Human Resources position. Chief Human Resource Officer Theresa Thoele resigned to accept a position closer to her home.

All nine trustees attended the October 26 meeting: Eric Ervin, Peter Allegre, Perry Chapman, Bill Conroy, Marlene Cook, Robert Fleming, Gailyn Ledom, Dan Redding, and Jodi Thomas. Staff included Chief Executive Officer Stacy Augustyn, Chief Nursing Officer Suzanne Garcia, Chief Financial Officer Ray Leadbetter, Chief Medical Officer John Shell, M.D., Director of Marketing Tracy Jones, and Executive

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Mind Matters: When the Hard Things Follow You Home



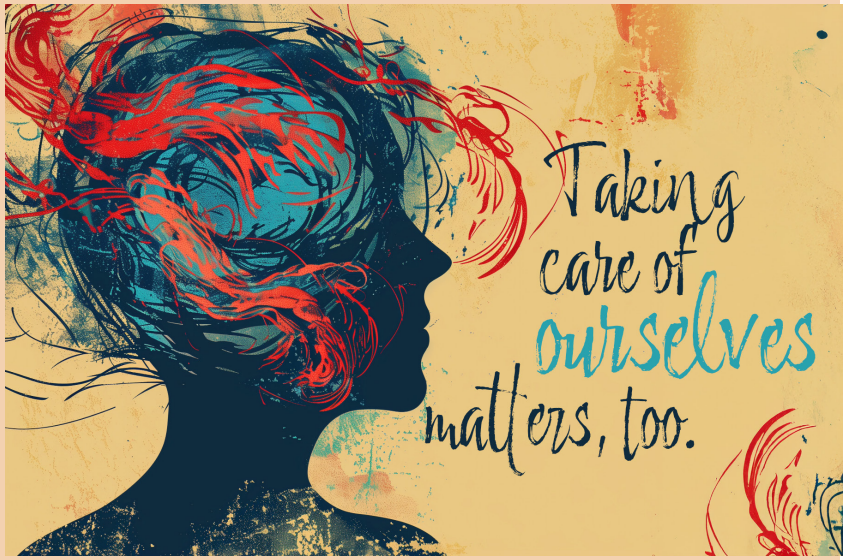
Amy Osner
Director of
Social Services &
Mental Health Therapist

PTSD is more than what we see in the movies

Welcome to the third installment of ***Mind Matters,*** a series where we'll take a closer look at common mental health topics, break down myths, and hopefully make these conversations feel a little less intimidating.

When we hear the term post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), we often think of military veterans or major traumatic events. But trauma can affect people in many different ways, including those who work in healthcare. A difficult code. An unexpected death. A pediatric emergency. A patient outcome that stays with you long after your shift ends. Sometimes, the moments we witness at work don't stay at work.

Not every difficult day leads to PTSD, and feeling shaken after a traumatic experience doesn't automatically mean you have it. But sometimes, the brain has a harder time processing what happened, and the effects can follow us into everyday life. PTSD can look different for everyone. It may show up as intrusive memories, nightmares, feeling constantly on edge, avoiding reminders of an event, becoming emotionally numb, or having trouble sleeping or concentrating. Sometimes, it's feeling your heart race when something reminds you of a moment you'd rather forget. Other times, it's not wanting to talk about it at all.



For those of us in healthcare, it can be easy to brush these experiences aside. We're used to regrouping, finishing our day, and moving on to the next patient or room. We may tell ourselves that it's part of the job, that we should be used to it by now, or that someone else has experienced something worse. But being exposed to difficult situations doesn't mean we have to pretend they don't affect us. You can be good at your job and still be affected by what you experience at work. The two aren't mutually exclusive.

If something you've experienced continues to affect your sleep, mood, relationships, or sense of safety, consider talking with someone you trust or reaching out to a mental health professional. Employee support resources can also be a helpful starting point. You don't have to wait until you're struggling to get through the day to ask for help.

And if a coworker seems different after a difficult event, remember that a little compassion and a simple check-in can go a long way.

Until next month, remember: taking care of others is what we do, but taking care of ourselves matters, too.



Patient Portal has two new features

Our patient portal, CHSConnect, now has an updated look and two new enhancements.

Text message alerts - Patients can sign up for text message alerts to provide notification of any updates or new items in the patient portal (such as new lab results or messages from a provider team).

Pre-registration - Patients can also use the patient portal to complete a basic pre-registration process. Data collected during this process includes demographics, ID, insurance cards, allergies, medications, and preferred pharmacy. Patients will be notified of the pre-registration up to three days prior to their scheduled appointment.

If anyone as questions regarding the update or new enhancements processes, contact Michelle McVey at Ext. 4151 or Samantha Kuhlmann at Ext. 4221. If patients are having problems with the patient portal, please reach out to one of our extensions or direct the patient to patientportalsupport@coffeyhealth.org.

Shelly Moss completes KHA Leadership Institute

The Kansas Hospital Association Leadership Institute graduated its 24th class of 29 students on Sept. 11, 2026, at the KHA Annual Convention and Trade Show in Overland Park, Kansas. Students were nominated by their hospital's CEO to be part of this select group. They represent the future leaders of Kansas hospitals.

Helping to build future health care leaders is important to the Kansas Hospital Association.



Shelly Moss, R.N.

"We are committed to strengthening and promoting the leadership capacity of hospital employees in Kansas," said Chad Austin, president and CEO, Kansas Hospital Association. The KHA Leadership Institute was established to help hospitals provide professional development opportunities that accentuate the personal skills and abilities needed to facilitate positive change and innovation in Kansas hospitals.

The 2026 Leadership Institute class was diverse. They represented a wide geographic distribution of hospitals from St. Francis to Elkhart and parsons to Holton – there was representation from all parts of the state. Students had been working in health care for as little as a year to 20 years. Several students have been in management positions while others were new managers. Some students also supervisor other staff, from a few to more than 50 employees.

It is important to note that the students nominated to participate in this program were not selected because they needed to learn "management skills." They were nominated because their CEO recognized their potential to be future leaders and wanted to help cultivate that development. Each student made a personal and professional commitment to expanding their skills by attending all six courses of the Leadership Institute.

The curriculum was structured to enhance each student's leadership abilities. Course #1 focused on explaining the difference between leadership and management, identifying organizational values and creating a positive organizational climate. Course #2 focused on enhancing communication skills and grassroots advocacy. Course #3 focused on team building - including how to lead a team and how to be part of a team and Course # 4 examined conflict and conflict management. Course #5 was at the KHA Annual Convention and Trade Show. Students learned about the challenges facing health care.

KHA Media Release



The 2026 Kansas Hospital Association Leadership Institute graduates were recognized at the annual convention in September. Moss is shown in the second row, second from right.



Volunteers Embark on Annual Hero Dogs Project

The generosity of the Coffey Health System volunteers extends around the globe to support our nation's troops. Since 2020, the volunteers have partnered with the U.S. War Dogs Association to benefit active-duty canines and their handlers. The program also helps with medical assistance for retired canines, easing the financial burden on the families that adopt these special heroes.

"Once again, we are excited to support the US War Dogs program," said coordinator Cheryl Merrill. "Approximately 2,700 canine teams are serving to detect danger and protect people. 100 percent of our donations go to fulfilling the wish list of the handlers and dogs."

The United States War Dogs Association—founded by five handlers from the Vietnam War—provides specialized equipment and treats to deployed troops, based on the requests of their handlers.

"As a former US Marine Corps dog handler, I remember fondly receiving gear and care packages from US War Dogs," writes Chris Willingham, who is now the organization's president. "What made them so special was the care taken to make sure the gear sent was of the highest quality and met our most urgent needs."

Individuals and organizations are welcome to join the "Hero Dogs" project with monetary donations accepted through Nov. 7, 2026. An online option has been added this year, making it even easier to participate. Venmo users can send donations to @tracyijones (in care of CHS Marketing Director Tracy Jones). Checks payable to Friends of Coffey Health System can be sent to 801 N. 4th, Burlington, KS, 66839. Your donation may also be dropped off at First National Bank of Kansas in Burlington. Or you can call the Coffey County Hospital Gift Shop at (620) 364-2121 Ext. 4267 to arrange to have your contribution picked up.

The volunteers also collect Christmas cards and letters from area schools and organizations that are included in the care packages to brighten the holiday season for deployed troops.



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Debra Huntsman earns statewide CMA of the Year Award

Debra Huntsman's career as a certified medication aide received statewide recognition last night as she received the CNA/CMA of the Year Award from the Kansas Health Care Association/Kansas Center for Assisted Living. She was joined by her son, daughter-in-law, and colleagues at the organization's conference in Mulvane.

"Debra is the kind of CMA who understands that caring for residents is about so much more than completing tasks," says Suzanne Garcia, operator at The Meadows and chief nursing officer for CHS. "She has a wonderful way of making residents feel seen, heard, and valued. She treats every resident as a human being first. Sometimes the best care is encouraging someone to do what they can for themselves, offering support when needed, and helping them maintain their dignity and independence."

With 21 years of experience and knowledge, Debra is invaluable to our team. Her dedication, compassion, humor, and commitment to the people around her make her truly deserving of this recognition.

Debra has been with Coffey Health System for 21 years, first at Sunset Manor in Waverly. For nine years, she has provided exceptional care to our residents at The Meadows in Burlington.

On behalf of The Meadows and CHS family, we offer Debra our heartfelt congratulations.





(Left) Debra Huntsman was honored at the annual conference of the Kansas Health Care Association/Kansas Center for Assisted Living held in Mulvane.

(Cover and below) She was joined at the award presentation by her son and daughter-in-law, David and Karen Foster, and by three members of her work family, Diana Thomsen, Suzanne Garcia, and Melissa Davis.

Board of Trustees

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Assistant Rhonda Beets. Coffey County Commissioner Mark Petterson was the sole visitor.

The next meeting is at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30, in the hospital's Allen Woods 2 Conference Room.

September Board Meeting

The CHS Board of Trustees' September meeting was relatively brief.

Trustees Eric Ervin, Peter Allegre, Perry Chapman, Bill Conroy, Robert Fleming, Gailyn Ledom, Dan Redding, and Jodi Thomas were present. Marlene Cook was absent. Staff included Chief Executive Officer Stacy Augustyn, Chief Nursing Officer Suzanne Garcia, Chief Financial Officer Ray Leadbetter, Chief Human Resource Officer Theresa Thoele, Director of Marketing Tracy Jones, and Executive Assistant Rhonda Beets. Chief Medical Officer John Shell was absent. Visitors were Coffey County Commissioners Steve McCurry and Mark Petterson.

Chief Executive Officer Stacy Augustyn reported that two staff members were recognized at the Kansas Hospital Association's Annual Awards Luncheon in Overland Park on September 11. Director of Facilities Vic Blaufuss was recognized as the CHS nominee for the Heart of Healthcare Award. Nursing Supervisor and Transitional Care Coordinator Shelly Moss was among 29 KHA Leadership Institute graduates.

Augustyn presented the monthly slate of medical staff updates, which the board approved as presented. ER Provider Ashley Bemo, P.A.-C., received an initial appointment. Reappointments were granted for Tele-Radiologist Timothy Gronlie, M.D., Nurse Anesthetist Erica Hadley, C.R.N.A., Tele-Neurologist Kouroush Kahkeshani, M.D., Cardiologist Mamidipally Swapna, M.D., and ER Provider Jennifer Warren, A.P.R.N. Resignation was accepted from Tele-Neurologist Nilufer Yalcin, M.D.

August financials showed continued growth, driven by receipt of nearly $700,000 on the annual cost report. The board approved cash expenditures totaling $742,463.79.

Chief Nursing Officer Suzanne Garcia reported that the hospital is monitoring the uptick in measles cases in the region, though none had been reported in Coffey County.

Augustyn reported that CHS will renew its fully funded employee health insurance plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas, despite a 10.7 percent increase. She said this increase is significantly lower than what other facilities are seeing.

Given the holiday schedule, the board moved the November Executive Finance Committee meeting to 1 p.m. on Nov. 18. The monthly board meeting on Nov. 30 remains unchanged.

30th Women's Health Conference



Thank you to everyone who helped with the 30th Women's Health Conference on Oct. 14. We had 124 in attendance at Burlington High School for an evening of fun and education.

Three speakers covered a range of health concerns: Cindy Samuelson, Kansas Hospital Association, Traditional Medicare vs. Medicare Advantage; Nurse Practitioner Ashley Beying, Waverly Medical Clinic, menopause; and Michelle Niedens, KU Med Cognitive Care Network, new advancements in dementia diagnosis. Coffey Health System Chief Executive Officer Stacy Augustyn served as the evening's emcee.

"We had a great mix of familiar faces and new friends, which is always nice," said Director of Marketing Tracy Jones. "The speakers were fantastic and brought information we could all relate to—if not ourselves personally, the information definitely related to friends and family members. Best of all, we had 124 women learning and laughing together."

Special thanks to these local businesses, organizations, and individuals:
for their generosity and support.
Arnold's Prairie Greenhouse & More
Aubrea Baker/Midwest Transplant Network
Burlington High School
Coffey County Cancer Support Group Members
Coffey County Hospital Gift Shop
Coffey County Medical Center
Coffey Health Foundation
Early Detection Works
Friends of Coffey Health System
Gourmet To-Go Catering
Health Innovations Network of Kansas (HINK)
Chris Jarvis, M.D.
Jrae's Sweet Shop/Julie Schneider
Kansas Hospital Association
Sleep Hygiene/Suzanne Garcia
University of Kansas Health System Cognitive Care Network



Special thanks to these wonderful people whose generous work behind the scenes helped to make this event possible: Vic Blaufuss, Michael DuBuke, LeRoy Fisher, Cindy Jones, Rhonda Beets, Charlene Sowder, Melissa Davis, JaNae Pritchett, Stacy Augustyn, Theresa Thoele, CHS Wellness participants, Friends of Coffey Health System, BHS janitorial team, and everyone else who helped in along the way.



Radiological Incident Drill

A big thank-you and recognition to the following staff members who participated in our recent Emergency Preparedness Drill! Each team member performed exceptionally well and represented Coffey Health System with professionalism, teamwork, and dedication. We could not be more proud of their efforts and the high praise they received from our emergency preparedness partners, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Kansas Department of Health & Environment.

Most importantly, this exercise demonstrated our commitment to being prepared and ready to care for our community when it matters most. Thank you to each of these team members for helping ensure CHS is ready to respond when our community needs us.

Nursing: April Birk, Maycee Garbee, Jalea Hartpence, Shelly Moss, Julia VanDerZalm, and Stephanie Weston

EMS: Merrick Brown, Jesse Presley, Thomas Staggs, and Amber Vales

Facilities: Michael Dubuke and LeRoy Fisher

Environmental Services: Shelley Denny, AJ Martinez, Angie Messerschmidt

Radiology: Gracie Mackey and JaNae Pritchett

Support Personnel: Stacy Augustyn, Jennifer Bartley, Linsey Knipp, and Michelle McVey

ALL FOR ONE

We wish Respiratory Therapy Supervisor **Melinda Pattinson** every happiness in her retirement. Throughout her 26-year career at CHS, Melinda touched the lives of countless patients. And she enriched us all with her kindness, skill, and compassion.

Go live a fabulous life, friend, but don't be a stranger!



"All for one" is a regular feature in The Insider to share information about news in the lives of the CHS family. We share life's happiest moments and feature ways that we are pulling together to help colleagues in times of need. Please call Tracy at Ext. 4195 or send information to tjones@coffeyhealth.org.



Congratulations, new EMTs!

Throughout 2026, a dedicated group has been meeting two Saturdays a month to become Emergency Medical Technicians. Congratulations to the EMT program graduates: (l-r) Caleb Rodgers, Matthew Bridges, Ryker Jordan, Joe (lab instructor), Andrea Tuthill, Hunter Fritts, Chloe Meehan, Ian Gaddis, Luke (Robert) Mills, Tim Ottman, David Waddell, Instructors Jesse Presley and Lucas Zeller. Not shown Michael Kelley and Colton Vogeler.



Leading into Halloween, CHS staff stepped into the world of "Jumanji: Coffey's Curse" for a week of adventure, mystery, and fun! The team took on challenges together to solve clues, track down hidden artifacts, and seal the game before time ran out. From mysterious villains to treasure maps and magical surprises, it was a fun week of teamwork, creativity, and success. A big thank-you to everyone who played along and helped bring the adventure to life. The game may be sealed, but the memories (and photos!) will live on!



Kudos to you...

Our **EMS, ER, and hospital team** responded to a recent accident involving small children and their parents with professionalism and compassion. These moments weigh on our hearts, but we couldn't be prouder of the care provided on scene and in the hospital.

Kudos to **Lucy Klick** for her detective work in helping her remote computer work more efficiently and for sharing her experience!

Amber Vales and Merrick Brown, EMS, recently jumped in to help prep med/surg rooms so multiple patients could be moved. EMS then had back-to-back calls, but as soon as Amber and Merrick returned to quarters, they were right back in the ER lending a helping hand wherever it was needed. This teamwork made a significant difference and helped keep patient flow moving smoothly.

Thank you, **Kandi Alvarado**, for your willingness to courier items to Emporia when needed. This willingness to help has saved team members numerous trips and miles over the years.

The **radiology staff** shows great teamwork, even when they're off-duty. Twice recently, off-duty techs have come in to help when they hear that multiple patients are coming to the hospital. This is a tremendous help to the one on-call tech—and a blessing to our patients!

Michelle McVey and Angela Blaufuss (and a great team) worked hard on the Meditech build to help ensure labs performed within the RHC are billed appropriately.

Congratulations to **Julie Schneider, Michelle McVey, and the Yates Center Clinic** team on successfully navigating an unexpected RHC survey. They did a fantastic job, resulting in a zero-deficiency survey.

Shelly Moss's improvements to the treatment room charge process are sincerely appreciated. Great job to Shelly, Suzanne Garcia, and everyone else involved in the improvement!

Vic Blaufuss and the **facilities team** did great work in the pharmacy!

A big thank you to the staff members who helped the dietary department by assembling lunches for a recent Lunch & Learn. This was a great example of departments working together to make things happen. Great job, everyone!

The **surgery staff's** impact extends far beyond the OR, stepping in to assist in other areas as needed.

CHS Trustee Gailyn Ledom shared a great compliment at the recent board meeting. Gailyn has a PA student living with her who recently completed a rotation at CHS. The student raved about her experience, from the clinic physicians to the staff throughout the hospital. She originally had no interest in practicing in rural healthcare; however, after completing her rotation here, she shared that she could really see herself practicing in a setting like ours. What an amazing reflection of the experience our team provides to students and future healthcare professionals!

Kudos to all departments with policies in Policy Manager that are actively using the system to complete policy edits and annual reviews.

The surgery department would like to thank everyone who has helped us as they continue to expand services.

The **EVS team** are fantastic. Cleaning the clinic bathrooms during the lunch period is especially appreciated.

Joan Kuhlmann is always responsive and stays on top of therapy charges. Her quick work allows claims to be submitted promptly and helps keep the revenue cycle running efficiently.

Bridget Cox, Terrie Griffith, and Angie Messerschmidt have generously helped the dietary department during recent staffing challenges. This flexibility and willingness to step outside of your usual departments is greatly appreciated.

A shoutout to **Cheryl Moore and Terrie Griffith** in human resources! We know how much work goes into benefit enrollment, and you made the process smooth and easy. Thank you for all your hard work and for always being there to help us along the way!

Congratulations to **Suzanne Garcia** on successfully completing her comprehensive final exam in preparation for her upcoming Master's graduation! On top of this, she also completed the Kansas Hospital Association Advocacy All-Stars program.

Welcome



Jennifer Barley
Respiratory Therapist
Hospital



Gracie Mackey
Radiology Tech
Hospital



Amy Thornbrugh
Resource Nurse
Hospital



Layla Decker
CNA
The Meadows



Cameron Peel
RN Internship
Hospital ER



Jessica Tucker
EMT
EMS



Hanna Dunn
CMA
The Meadows & Hospital



Shelby Soetaert
Paramedic
EMS



Kristan Zollars
Radiology Tech
Hospital

Anniversaries

Our employees are our greatest resource. Each month, we include a list of employees who will celebrate their anniversary with Coffey Health System. Here's to each of you, and thank you for your service to our patients!

October

Angela Blaufuss 33 years
Michele Johnston 30 years
Tracy Jones, Michelle McVey 19 years
Anglea Smith 18 years
Terri Johnson, Amy Louderbaugh 12 years
Jessica Jones, Leanna Meats, Brenda Salazar 10 years
Samantha Kuhlmann, Kristina Reeves 9 years
Linsey Knipp 7 years
Kristin Baker, Aubrea Drury, Arika Morrison 5 years
Abby Johnson 4 years
Jamie Fouser, Raquel Geddry, Tabitha Mason, Natalie Strawder 2 years
Cheryl Moore, Jason Schone, Vicki Seems 1 year

November

Vic Blaufuss 29 years
Carrie Hegg 16 years
Bobbie Schone 14 years
Diana Thomsen 12 years
Kylie Linsey 8 years
Gerald Fulton 5 years
Kim Johnson 2 years
Lisa Jacob, Paige Meats, Jaylin Reppert 1 year

When I knew...

OUR STORIES. TOLD BY US.



My first exposure to physical therapy was in high school when I broke my ankle. During my therapy sessions, I got a glimpse of what they did and thought that it would be something I would like. Then in college, I worked in the athletic training room and helped rehab the athletes after injuries. I was also able to work at Coffey Health System in the summers and get more experience. What started as a summer job in 2005, ultimately led me to make the decision to return home to Burlington when I completed my education in 2010.

I've had many great mentors over the years, but Joan, Joanna, Karen, and Angie first took me under their wing and taught me so much about patient care and therapy.

Early on, I knew I needed an occupation where I could be active—I would for sure get fired from a desk job. I love working with people and helping them get back to doing what they love.

Hallie Wilson
Physical Therapist

Staff Observances

October

Physical Therapy Month

Materials Week
Oct. 4-10

Nutritional Services Week
Oct. 4-10

Physician Assistant Week
Oct. 6-12

Quality Week and Pharmacy Week
Oct. 18-24

Respiratory Week and Facilities Week
Oct. 25-31

November

Nurse Practitioner Week and Radiology Week
Nov. 8-14

Marketing Week
Nov. 15-21