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NEWSLETTER

S·A·P·P·H·I·R·E Update From the Chief Information Officer

Excitement is rising as we get closer to the implementation of the new electronic health record (EHR). This is the biggest financial investment in the history of Alameda Health System and it will allow us to provide better care for the future. Many staff have questions about what to expect and our Chief Information Officer Mark Amey has some thoughts on this.

“I’ve been through two epic implementations previously so I understand the thoughts and feelings of apprehension surrounding the unknown. What I know for sure is having a positive outlook is critical to be able to do your best during our transition.”

Currently staff are using multiple EHR systems and some are still taking notes by hand. A common question is how easy or hard will S·A·P·P·H·I·R·E be to use. The answer is that every change is difficult. However, the end result will help us to fully accomplish our mission.

Find out what [advice](#) Mark Amey has for AHS staff during the EHR implementation



Z Harper Appointed to Measure A Committee



Alameda Health System (AHS) Breast Cancer Patient Navigator Zhonett “Z” Harper was recently appointed to the Measure A Citizen Oversight Committee. Measure A is a tax ordinance that provides financial support for emergency medical, inpatient, outpatient, public health, mental health and substance abuse services to indigent, low-income and uninsured adults, children and families, seniors and other residents. Each year 75% of the tax revenue is transferred to AHS.

Find out how she plans to use her work expertise to help her peers realize the impact Measure A has on AHS patients. [Learn more.](#)

National Donate Life Month

The “[Giving Me Life: A Visual Journey of African-American Organ and Tissue Transplant Recipients](#)” art exhibit has officially opened at the Alameda Health System-Highland Care Pavilion Lobby. The exhibit underscores the need for more registered donors within the African-American community through social documentary.

Being that April is [Donate Life Month](#), the exhibit will be on display at Highland until April 30.

If you are interested in becoming a registered donor you can sign-up [here](#).



Black Maternal Health Week, April 11-17, 2019



In the United States, black women are three to four times more likely to die from pregnancy or child-birth related causes than white women. This observance was created to deepen the national conversation about Black maternal health in the United States. To hear from one of our patients regarding her motherhood journey or to learn more about what we are doing as a system to reduce this disparity please [click here](#).

A Bridge to Health

Currently, 7% of high risk patients consume 81% of the total health care costs. Programs like complex care management help improve patient health outcomes and reduce costs. Additional funds can be used to support and create more preventative care programs. [This video](#) is an example of what happens when care coordination and collaboration between complex care and primary care works successfully. To read the full story [click here](#).



We Serve All.



Alameda Health System is committed to delivering high quality care. We would not be successful in this endeavor without the dedication and compassion staff bring with them to work everyday. [Watch Margarite Curry](#) explain how she ensures her patients have a positive labor and delivery experience.

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