A Message from Dean Duffy:

On June 21, University of Tulsa President Steadman Upham and our University of Oklahoma President David Boren announced a $30 million gift from The Oxley Foundation for the proposed Tulsa School of Community Medicine. Our joint four-year community medical education program is being created to help address Oklahoma’s low health status, low health systems performance and physician shortage.

Initially, The Oxley Foundation will provide a $15 million dollar grant to provide start-up funding for personnel and operating expenses for the planned Tulsa School of Community Medicine. The Oxley Foundation has pledged an additional $15 million grant as a dollar-for-dollar challenge for contributions from others to the future Tulsa School of Community Medicine endowment. The match portion of The Oxley Foundation gift will be given to support the Tulsa School of Community Medicine on or before December 31, 2016.

A steering committee composed of representatives from both universities has been working since 2009 to create the infrastructure for the future Tulsa School of Community Medicine. Planning subcommittees have been meeting regularly and designing strategies for recruitment, admissions, curriculum, student support, services, faculty affairs, facilities and accreditation.

TU purchased the Hartford Building at 111 S. Greenwood Ave. earlier this year. It is the planned home for the medical education building of Tulsa School of Community Medicine and will house faculty from both universities. We will send more information as progress moves forward.

MyHealth Access Network’s 2012 Health Care Quality Summit

Tulsa’s second annual “Health Care Quality Summit” is scheduled for Friday, July 27 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Tulsa Convention Center, Tulsa Ballroom, Third and Houston. Farzad Mostashari, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology within the Office of the national Coordinator for Health IT at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the keynote speaker. The CEO of the National Committee of Quality Assurance (NQA) will be the lunch speaker. She is keenly interested in the innovation to improve health care quality initiated by the OUSCM. To pre-register or learn more, visit www.myhealthaccess.net.

OU Physicians Performing EEGs

John Cattaneo, associate professor and member of OU Physicians Neurology is now performing EEG (electroencephalogram) tests. EEG is a painless procedure that uses small, flat metal electrodes attached to the patient’s scalp to record electrical activity in the brain. It is one of the main diagnostic tests for epilepsy but may play a role in diagnosing other brain disorders. There is no discomfort with this procedure.
OU Physicians Welcome Cards

In April we began using “Welcome to your Medical Home” or “Welcome to OU Physicians” (for the non-PCMH clinics) recognition cards. This effort is directly related to improving patient satisfaction and specifically the patient’s perception of how helpful OUPT staff was during a visit.

These recognition cards are placed where patients can pick them up. Patients are invited to write the name of the person especially helpful to them and give the card to that person. The staff member who receives this card should turn it into his or her supervisor. Managers then bring the cards to the monthly managers meeting where one card is drawn for a gift card. We had our first drawing in June. The following employees received cards, with Joyce Wallace winning a donated gift card to Los Cabos:

Joyce Wallace – Peds Diabetes – Winner 5 cards
Sarah Shepherd – Women’s Health Care Specialists Erin Caldwell – Internal Medicine – 7
Lisa Williams – Family Medicine – 3 Kelly Olmstead – Dermatology
Tori Jordon – Peds Diabetes – 3 Tivia Williams – Women’s Health Care Specialists 2
William Yarborough – Internal Medicine – 2 Melinda Baker – Internal Medicine – 2
Mandy Brumble – Women’s Health Care Specialists Cindy Dunham – Dermatology - 2
Carina Abad Dermatology Carolyn Grubbs – Dermatology Jill Steele – Neurology

North Tulsa Resident Health Survey

Mark Fox, M.D., principal investigator along with co-investigators, Chan Hellman and Ric Munoz enlisted the help of our summer medical student interns, Ashley Bunce, Molly Dubois, Jordon Holt, Muhammad Kabbani, Matthew Le, Peter Madden, and Amanda Satterwhite to conduct a health survey in North Tulsa. The purpose of this research is to examine community health issues affecting north Tulsa by examining (1) the level of access to health care as seen by residents of North Tulsa; (2) attitudes and expectations of health care providers among residents of North Tulsa; (3) food insecurity; and (4) health literacy. The survey attempts to understand the factors that impact North Tulsans’ ability to seek health care. Students conducted the survey at various sites in north Tulsa: The YMCA, two Walgreen’s locations, and the SPC Bill Pay Center. They will compile their finding this month and present at the Summer Institute.

Med/Peds Resident Continuity Clinic at Tisdale

SCM Med/Peds residents now have their own Med/Peds Continuity Clinic three half days a week with Morton at the OU Wayman Tisdale Specialty Health Clinic. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, our Med/Peds residents are seeing patients from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. The Morton @ Tisdale Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. The Med/Peds care team is named the Hartford Medical Group, the group’s name reflects the location of the clinic. Primary care is being managed through Morton Health Care at Tisdale. The number to schedule an appointment in the new facility is 918.587.2171.

OUSCM Surgeons Help in Haiti

OUSCM’s surgeons, John Bleba, chairman, and William (Tip) Jennings, associate professor, are traveling to Haiti with the Bridges of Life Foundation. Bridges of Life was created as a response to the urgent need for kidney dialysis in underserved communities around the world. John and Tip have volunteered to spend a week performing AV dialysis access procedures on the patients preparing for dialysis. Bridges of Life does not operate or fund clinics, but, with the help of donors and volunteers, provides the equipment, start-up supplies, and training to empower medical personnel in local clinics to provide kidney care services for Haitians.
Karen Gold, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., joined OUSCM and OU Physicians. She serves as an assistant professor and residency program director for the Department of OB/GYN. Karen received her medical degree and completed her OB/GYN residency at the OU College of Medicine, OKC. At Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Karen completed a Master’s of Science in Clinical Investigation and a fellowship in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery. Prior to joining OU, she served as assistant professor of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Myesha Barnes
Medical Assistant
Family Medicine

Antona Hill
Patient Service Rep II
Psychiatry

Cathy Lehr
Senior Administrative Assistant
Women’s Health Care Specialist

Lacey Hicks
Radiology Technologist
Wayman Tisdale Specialty Health Clinic

Matt Farlin
Social Work
IMPACT

Angela Majed
Assistant to Associate Vice President
Assistant to Dean for Administration and Finance and COO, OU Physicians

Tristan Moore
Registered Vascular Tech
Surgery

Mayra Peralta
Patient Service Rep
Psychiatry

Amy Puls
Registered Dietitian
Peds Diabetes

We welcome all our new employees.

Other:
Last month, Kevyn Bagby-Grayson as Assistant to the Dean, Dean’s Office, supporting Drs Duffy, Saizow, Davison and Crow. Kevyn joined OU in August, 2007 as an Administrative Assistant in the Human Resources Department. In November 2010, she was hired by the Department of Internal Medicine and promoted to Staff Assistant.


David Kendrick recently discussed Tulsa’s Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative on KWGS NPR