

# OCMH: THE BEAT

Osborne County Memorial Hospital Newsletter

Spring 2020



## OCMH NAMED TO TOP 20 CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL LIST IN TWO CATEGORIES

Osborne County Memorial Hospital (OCMH) in Osborne, KS was recently named one of the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in two different categories for “Overall Performance” and “Best Practice of Quality” in the country.

The Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals, including OCMH, scored best among critical access hospitals as determined by The Chartis Center for Rural Health for both Overall Performance and Quality. The rankings were recently announced by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). An awards ceremony will be held during NRHA’s Critical Access Hospital Conference in September in Kansas City, MO.

The Top 20 Critical Access Hospital “winners” are those hospitals who have achieved success in the overall performance based on a composite rating from eight indices of strength: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspective, cost, charge and financial efficiency. This group was selected from The Chartis Center for Rural Health’s 2020 Top 100 CAH list, which was released earlier this year.

Those hospitals that have been recognized as Top 20 Critical Access Hospital “best practice recipients” have achieved success one of two key areas of performance:

**Quality index:** A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across the indicators of Hospital Compare Process of Care measures.

**Patient perspective index:** A rating of hospital performance aggregated and ranked across 10 domains of the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS).

“OCMH is proud of the efforts of its employees and providers who have contributed to our hospital achieving this designation,” said Marianna Harris, OCMH CEO. “Our results as a Top 20 Critical Access Hospital means our community can count on us to deliver the services they need now and in the future. OCMH has received Top 100 Critical Access Hospital recognition for three years in a row and is honored to receive Top 20 Critical Access in two different categories for 2020 as well.”

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Oh hello  
Spring

# *A Word from our CEO...*

I would like to begin with extending a very heartfelt thank you to everyone that came to our Open House and Dedication on March 8, 2020, for our new location at 237 W Harrison Street. Seeing each of you there and having so much local support made the event successful and memorable. Also, for those of you that sent flowers, e-mailed, or called with your best wishes, we are extremely grateful. Special thanks and appreciation go to the Osborne VFW and VFW Auxiliary for the flag presentation as well as our special guests and speakers including Congressman Roger Marshall, MD, Senator Elaine Bowers, Mayor John McClure, Commissioner Alfred Reif, Board Chairman Greg Mick, HFG Architect Tim Dudte, Hutton Project Manager Jason Gillig and Dr. Barbara Brown. For over 60 years OCMH has served the county of Osborne providing health care services; however, it would not have been possible without the support it has received from the community businesses and taxpayers. We know our new facility will continue to provide quality, patient-centered, community-based services for many more years to come.

As you may know, we officially opened the hospital and clinic one week later on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Never in our dreams did we think we would be dealing with a pandemic, COVID-19, from day one of our move. I want to assure you that OCMH is prepared to keep you safe and has been monitoring this issue closely; working together with local health resources as well as utilizing resources from KDHE and the CDC. We hold daily meetings focused on making sure we have the supplies, staffing and protocols in place to serve our patients and to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We appreciate you following the guidelines and visiting restrictions established and working together to reduce the risk of exposure and to keep you, your family and the community safe. Please follow us on Facebook or visit our website for updates and prevention tips.

Once COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, we hope we are able to offer additional services in our new departments such as respiratory therapy and cardiac rehabilitation. We are still recruiting for additional specialty clinic providers but that has been difficult with the COVID-19 travel restrictions and limitations. We are looking forward to have Dr. Kamel Barakat join our team as a physician in August, 2020. Last but not least, we are working on plans for opening the Wellness Center in the evenings and weekends when it is deemed safe for the community.

OCMH is here to serve you – thanks for your continued support!

*Marianna Harris*

# OCMH



## RECOGNIZED BY THE CHARTIS CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH AS A TOP 100 CAH THIRD YEAR IN A ROW

02/17/2020 – Osborne County Memorial Hospital (OCMH) in Osborne, KS, today announced it has been named a 2020 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. This annual award honoring rural hospital performance is determined by the results of iVantage Health Analytics’ Hospital Strength INDEX®, which is celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2020.

“The notification of this award was perfect timing” said Marianna Harris, OCMH CEO. “It comes just a few weeks before the opening of our newly constructed hospital and clinic so the employees have a lot of reasons to celebrate. It is due to their commitment and dedication we are able to score high in the pillars by following our mission and strategic plan objectives.” Based entirely on publicly available data, the INDEX is the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Utilizing 50 independent indicators, the INDEX assesses performance across eight pillars of performance that span market-, value- and finance-based categories. Hospitals recognized as a Top 100 facility had one of the 100 highest overall scores among all Critical Access Hospitals nationally.

“The Top 100 Critical Access Hospital award program reminds us that rural providers haven’t lost touch with their mission and are committed to delivering better quality, better outcomes and better patient satisfaction. It’s a pleasure to be able to not only recognize this year’s recipients, but our larger group of top 100 alumni as we celebrate 10 years of The Hospital Strength INDEX,” said Michael Topchik, National Leader, The Chartis Center for Rural Health.

## Help Prevent COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus)



Stay home if you are sick



Cover your nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze



Wash your hands



Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands



Disinfect surfaces and objects



# VISITOR RESTRICTIONS

## CLINIC PATIENTS AND OUTPATIENTS-

To help prevent the transmission and spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, OCMH is taking precautions to protect you , your family members, health care workers, and the community. As a result, entry to our facility has been limited. ALL CLINIC PATIENTS and OUTPATIENTS will be screened at the Emergency Room Door for respiratory illness prior to entry.

## HOSPITAL VISITORS-

To help ensure the safety of our patients, providers, employees and community, our facility has implemented a **ZERO –VISITOR** policy effective immediately.

**Thank you for your cooperation and understanding while we stay focused on providing you the high-quality of care you've come to expect from OCMH.**

*Please watch our Facebook Page for updates.*



Do you have trouble preparing meals? Are you unable to leave your home? Would you like a hot delicious meal delivered to your doorstep Monday thru Friday? The OCMH Dietary Department will prepare a nutritious meal and a Meals On Wheels Volunteer will deliver it to your doorstep. You are in charge. You can plan your week in advance or the day you want your meal served. Meals will be delivered between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and Noon. For orders the day you want your meal served, please call by 10:00 a.m. to avoid a delay in delivery. For more information or to sign up, please call our Dietary Department Manager Barb Woolley at (785)-346-2121.

# Open House Pictures

March 8, 2020



# WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF!



The nursing department has a new CNA on their team. Taylor Russell started working at OCMH on March 25, 2020 and will work on the night shift. Taylor lives in Alton, KS with her pets, a chinchilla, a cat and 4 dogs. She enjoys spending her free time cooking, playing with her animals and just being outside.

On April 1, 2020 OCMH added Respiratory Therapy. Brooke Mick is our Respiratory Therapist. She has been busy working on establishing policies and procedures and selecting equipment to be used on an inpatient and outpatient basis in the Respiratory Therapy Department. She lives in rural Osborne with her husband Steven and son Jameson. In her spare time Brooke loves watching movies together with her husband.



# Flag Presentation

Senator Elaine Bowers and Representative Troy Waymaster presented a Kansas State Flag to OCMH in dedication of opening a new Critical Access Hospital and Rural Health Clinic Facility. The flag was flown over the state capital in Topeka on March 16, 2020. Pictured is Don Howland and Jason Rothenberger, Plant Operations.



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## NEW SERVICES OFFERED AT OCMH!



OCMH is excited to announce two new services, cardiac and respiratory rehabilitation. Brooke Mick, RT has joined our team and has been busy establishing policies and procedures for Respiratory Therapy. Michele Watkins, RN has taken on new responsibilities and will be doing Cardiac Rehabilitation. Watch for further details and more information!

# Thank you



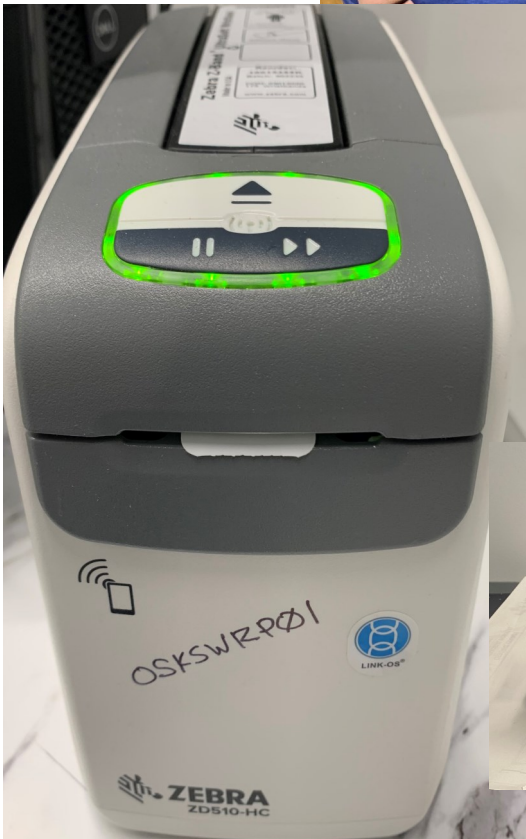
Snack Machine



Laparoscopic Surgical Instruments



IT Equipment



Wristband Printers



Key Duplicator



Microwave

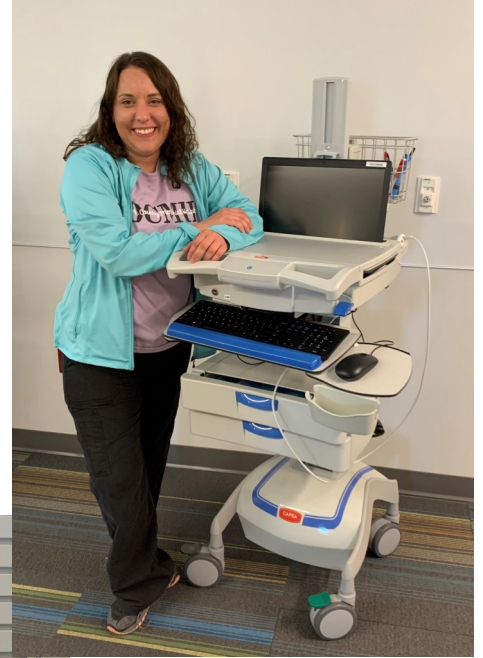




Bariatric Bed



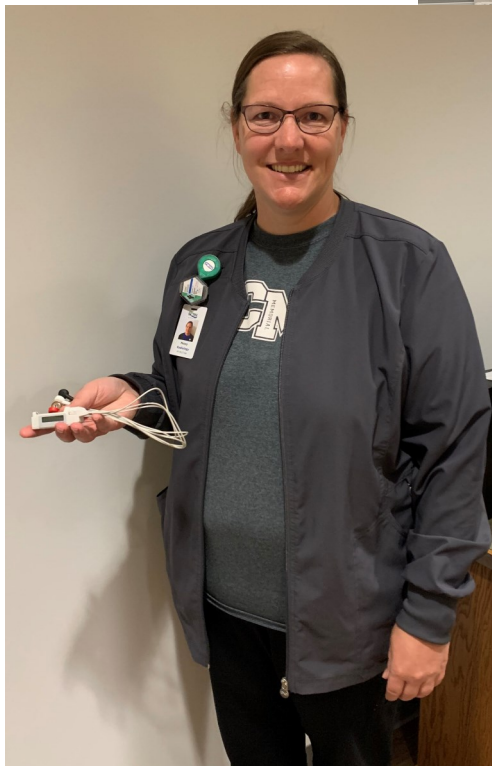
Rural Health Clinic Scales



Computers On Wheels



Trimmer and Lawn Mower



Houlter Monitor



Surgery Scales



Casting Cart

OCMH would like to thank the McFadden Charitable Trust and the Sarver Charitable Trust for their generous donations to our facility.

# ATP Machine



Osborne County Memoria Hospital Employee Fundraising Committee recently purchased an ATP Machine to aid the infection prevention department. An ATP (Adenosine Triphosphate) Machine helps determine if surfaces are clean, not just visually clean but germ count is down. Adenosine Triphosphate is an enzyme that is present in all living cells and an ATP monitoring system can detect the amount of organic matter that remains after cleaning. This will aid the Infection Prevention Department in preventing hospital acquired infections. OCMH is very proactive in trying to always provide the best care possible for our patients.



## A - E of Skin Cancer

### PREVENTION

**A** Asymmetric: willy-nilly shapes are worrisome.

**B** Borders are ill-defined, irregular, or fuzzy.

**C** Color is speckled, uneven, or has a white halo.

*Get a mole checked if...*

**D** Diameter is larger than a pencil eraser.

**E** Evolving: getting bigger, or acting 'weird' to you in any way.



# Thank you!

The Osborne County Community Foundation recently provided OCMH with emergency COVID-19 funds to purchase two high flow oxygen blenders. Pictured is OCMH's Respiratory Therapist Brooke Mick.



## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Do you enjoy being a part of a team?  
Have you always wanted to work at OCMH?  
These opportunities are available now:**

PRN Occupational Therapy, Hospital RN, Clinic Nurse

For more information please call 785-346-2121



Would you like to receive a copy of the Newsletter electronically? Please contact the hospital (785-346-2121) and ask for Keri to be put on the list!



# Specialty Services at OCMH

*Urology*

*Mammograms*

*Bone Density*

*Pain Management*

*Cardiology*

*General Surgery*

*Nuclear Medicine*

*MRI*

Bringing the specialty healthcare  
you need **to you.**

Contact your provider if you are needing or wanting to  
schedule an appointment for any of these specialty services!



Barbara Brown, DO

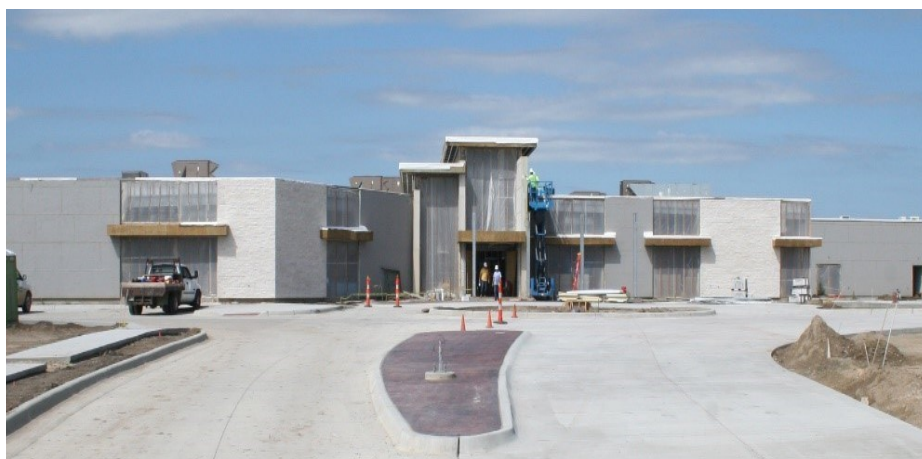


Alison Begay, MSN FNP



Josh Choate, PA-C

## OCMH Active Medical Staff



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