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Local health care weathers the storm

When winter storms Pax and Leon hit Lumberton in January and February, most people hunkered down in their homes to ride out the unusual weather. However, the employees of Southeastern Health (SeHealth) and other community servants did the exact opposite. They worked hard to find ways to get out of their homes and get to work.

"Many people were enjoying the snow and the chance to stay home," says **Morris Bullock**, Director of Physician Relations at SeHealth. "But when you're in the health care field, it doesn't work that way."

Instead, SeHealth personnel shared rides, took on extra shifts and slept overnight at the different facilities—the hospital; Southeastern Hospice House; WoodHaven Nursing, Rehabilitation and Alzheimer's Care Center; and others—all to keep the health system fully staffed and running just as usual.

"Our dedicated staff made personal sacrifices to ensure our patients were looked after, no matter what," Bullock says. "And that's something everyone in the community can be proud of."

Command and control

Even before the storms began, SeHealth was ready—thanks in part to accurate weather reports. Staff members met the day before each storm hit to begin putting emergency plans in place.

As soon as the storms began, SeHealth set up its emergency Command Center with Bullock and **Reid Caldwell**, Government Affairs and Policy Management Officer, sharing duties as Incident Commander. The Command Center is part of SeHealth's overall emergency plan, a set of regulations that describes best practices for responding to weather emergencies.

"These weather events are rare for us," says **Selina Cox**, Safety and Security Interim Manager at SeHealth. "But we learn something new every time we go through one, and we can fine-tune our response."

The health system must respond to issues involving staffing, supplies, safety and the physical plant. They have to take care of everything from getting the parking lot plowed to keeping the lights on. Thanks to the Command Center's prior planning and the dedication of SeHealth staff members and partner vendors, none of SeHealth's main facilities lost power, and supplies were delivered successfully to all parts of the health system.

"We've built great vendor partnerships," says **Vivien Lunsford**, Director of Supply Chain Management. "They were here each day and on time during the recent storms."

In addition to supplies, staffing was another major issue.

"We have over 1,000 workers on duty throughout our health system at any given time," Bullock says. "It took collaboration and

cooperation to be sure we had adequate staffing during the storms."

Sheriffs' response

Getting people to work at the system's many facilities required the combined efforts of staff, the local Robeson County Sheriff's Office and sheriff's offices in the counties of Bladen, Columbus and Scotland.

"There was an amazing response from Ken Sealy here in Robeson County and all the sheriffs' departments," Bullock says.

Sheriff's deputies from the other counties picked up SeHealth staff members who live in their counties and delivered them to Robeson County deputies at the county line. The Robeson deputies then brought staff members the rest of the way to work. All this was coordinated through the Command Center.

"Our staff and others across the system send out many thanks to both the Command Center staff and the sheriff's department for getting us to work safely during the storm," says **Barbara Collins**, Director at WoodHaven Nursing, Rehabilitation and Alzheimer's Care Center.

Staff sleepover

SeHealth employees knew that once they got to work, the weather would make it difficult to get back home. So they came prepared to sleep over.

"We had as many as 166 employees sleeping at various facilities on one night," Cox says.

Staff members slept in empty beds at the hospital, on cots at Hospice House, and anywhere they could find room at WoodHaven. All these SeHealth employees had to have sheets, pillows and, most importantly, meals. Kitchen staff worked hard to keep the food coming.

"Our first food service director, Sarah Watson, knew the importance of nourishing the souls of patients and employees with lots of warm, wholesome food, under any conditions," says Bullock. "She created a culture of dedication within Food Services that still exists today."

Culture of caring

In fact, that dedication was obvious throughout the health system during the recent storms. It's something all the staff feel great about.

"We have a wonderful group of people here at SeHealth," Cox says. "They came together in crisis to get the job done."

That meant patients and the community had one less thing to worry about during the bad weather.

"We want people to know they can depend on their local health care system, even under adverse conditions," Bullock says.



From the president

We spend a lot of our time focusing on all the changes in health care—new care models, new payment models, new programs, new buildings, etc. One of the things I think we need to occasionally do is to refocus and remember our foundation. That foundation is built on our vision, our mission and our core values. I feel certain almost everyone in our organization can quote our vision and mission statements. Additionally, I think it is relatively easy for us to talk about what we do in our jobs to ensure those two are met. I am not as confident that we are all as familiar with our core values.

The core values for Southeastern were set many years ago by our employees and adopted by the Board of Trustees. We have five (5). They are:

1. We act morally and ethically.
2. We strive for excellence in customer service.
3. We pursue positive change.
4. We work to improve our community.
5. We commit to be the best.

I think it is important for each one of us to look within to see how we, as individuals, are living these values each day that we work at Southeastern. I encourage you to take a minute to go to the Intranet and check out the actions associated with each of these values. Then, find a way to make certain you and your peers are ensuring these are incorporated into everything we do. Let's make sure our basic core is intact.


Joann Anderson, MSN, FACHE
President/CEO



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SeHealth Board elects new chairman, three new members



Bo Stone

Joann Anderson, president and CEO of Southeastern Health, has announced the election of **Michael "Bo" Stone** of Rowland to lead the Southeastern Health Board of Trustees and three new members to that Board, **Kenny Biggs** and **Danny Cook**, both of Lumberton, and **Jan Spell** of Hope Mills.

"I am pleased to have three new members that bring a broad perspective to the Board," said Anderson. "All have a great interest in health care, Southeastern Health and this region. We are fortunate to have them, along with our new chairman and existing board members, committing to the health care future for our area."

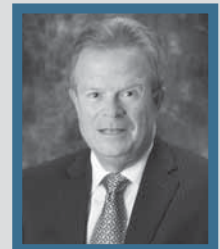
A native of Rowland, Stone earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural business management with a minor in animal science and a master's degree in agriculture, both from N.C. State University. He is the president of P&S Farms, Inc., which is a family-owned farming operation in Rowland. Stone lives in Rowland with his wife, Missy, and their three children, Sarah Grace, Olivia, and Thompson. Stone replaced **Faye C. Caton** who had completed a two-year term as board chairwoman from Jan. 2012 through Dec. 2013.

A life-long resident of Lumberton, Biggs earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from N.C. State University. He is the president of K.M. Biggs, Inc., and Biggs Park, Inc., a fifth generation family business, which began in 1903, with its primary interest in farming, timber and commercial real estate. Biggs and his wife, Bonnie, have a daughter, Chelsea.

A native of Miami, Fla., Cook has lived in Robeson County since 1982. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from UNC Pembroke and will complete a master's degree in risk management and insurance from Florida State University in May. Cook has worked in the insurance industry since 1993, opening his own company, Cook Insurance Services, in Lumberton in 1999. He and his wife, Kim, live in Lumberton and have two daughters, Ashley and Lauren.

A Fayetteville native, Spell has lived in the Hope Mills community for over 30 years. She earned an associate's degree in accounting from Fayetteville Technical Community College and is a licensed real estate agent. She and her husband, Terry, own and operate Terry Spell Land Development, LLC, which manages both residential and commercial land development. She is currently serving her seventh term as president of the Hope Mills Area Chamber of Commerce.

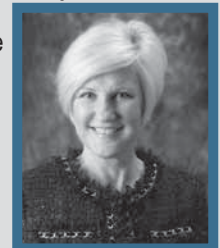
Other members of the SeHealth Board are: Chancellor **Kyle Carter**, **Faye Caton**, **Larry Chavis**, **Dennis Hempstead**, **Jerry Johnson**, **Randall Jones**, **Wayland Lennon**, **Alphonzo McRae Jr.**, **John Rozier Jr. M.D.**, **Joseph Thompson**, **Michael Walters** and **W. C. Washington**.



Kenny Biggs



Danny Cook



Jan Spell

Family medicine specialist joins St. Pauls clinic



LaToya Woods, D.O.

LaToya N. Woods, D.O., recently joined the medical staff of Southeastern Health and provides care at Southeastern Medical Clinic St. Pauls. She also serves as a faculty member with Campbell University's Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine, where she assists with the osteopathic manipulative medicine lab and hosts medical students in rotations at the St. Pauls clinic as part of their early clinical experience.

A native of Nashville, Tenn., Dr. Woods earned her medical degree from Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg, Va., in 2008 and completed a family medicine residency at Broward Health/Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in 2011. She is certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians. Her areas of special interest include healthy lifestyle education, disease prevention and women's health.

"I look forward to helping to improve the health of the people in St. Pauls," said Dr. Woods, who resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

Southeastern Medical Clinic St. Pauls is located at 128 E. Broad Street and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment, call (910) 865-5955.

Lumberton Surgical Associates joins Southeastern Health



Samuel Britt, M.D.



Barry Williamson, M.D.

Lumberton Surgical Associates became an affiliate of Southeastern Health on April 1, joining the physician practices division. The clinic was renamed Southeastern Surgical Center 2.

Surgeons **Samuel E. Britt II, M.D.**, and **Barry E. Williamson, M.D.**, continue to provide care at the clinic, which is located at 3001 N. Elm Street in Lumberton.

Dr. Britt, a Lumberton native, earned a medical degree from Wake Forest University School of Medicine (Bowman Gray) in Winston-Salem in 1980. He completed residency training in general surgery at Charlotte Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in 1985.

Dr. Williamson, a native of Asheville, N.C., earned a medical degree in 1993 from Wake Forest University School of Medicine (Bowman Gray) in Winston-Salem. After a four-year tour of duty with the U.S. Navy, he completed residency training in general surgery at Wake Forest University

Baptist Medical Center.

Both Britt and Williamson are certified by the American Board of Surgery. Britt has been affiliated with the SeHealth medical staff since 1985; Williamson since 2002. To schedule an appointment with Britt or Williamson, call (910) 738-8556.

Medical Specialists' Clinic joins Southeastern Health

Medical Specialists' Clinic of Lumberton, N.C., became an affiliate of Southeastern Health on March 1, joining the physician services division. The clinic was renamed Southeastern Medical Specialists.

Sadanand Hegde, M.D. and Certified Family Nurse Practitioner **Marie Campbell** provide care at the clinic, which specializes in internal medicine and cardiology.

Dr. Hegde, who joined the practice in 1982, earned a medical degree from Kasturba Medical College in India. He completed residency training at New York Catholic Medical Center in New York City and a fellowship in cardiology at New York Medical College. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in the areas of internal medicine and cardiology.

Campbell, a Columbus County native, earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from N.C. Central University in Durham, N.C., and a master's degree in nursing from East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. She also earned certification as a family nurse practitioner from East Carolina University. Before joining Southeastern Medical Specialists, she provided care at Southeastern Pulmonary and Sleep Clinic for more than a year.



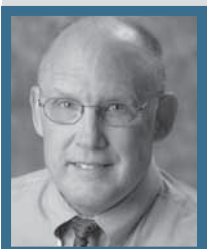
Sadanand Hegde, M.D.



Marie Campbell, F.N.P.-C.

Southeastern Medical Specialists is located at 4384 Fayetteville Road in Lumberton. To schedule an appointment, call (910) 738-1141.

Addiction medicine specialist joins SRA



John Harris, M.D.

John J. Harris, Jr., M.D., has joined the medical staff of Southeastern Health, providing care at Southeastern Recovery Alternatives (SRA).

Dr. Harris earned a medical degree from University of Tennessee Medical School in 1984. He completed residency training in anesthesiology from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Ark., in 1987 and a fellowship in addiction medicine at Wilmington Treatment Center in Wilmington, N.C., in 2012. He is board certified in both anesthesiology and addiction medicine.

Dr. Harris provides care through SRA's substance abuse recovery program offering medication management to include Buprenorphine (Suboxone) to treat opiate dependent patients on Fridays. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call SRA at (910) 272-3030.

Southeastern Urgent Care Pembroke moves to new location

Southeastern Urgent Care Pembroke moved from Candy Park Road and opened in its new location at the Southeastern Health Pembroke facility located at 923 West Third Street on Thursday, May 1.

The urgent care center offers walk-in treatment of a variety of conditions including coughs, colds, fever, sprains, minor fractures and cuts as well as X-ray services. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As an added convenience for patients, Southeastern Express Lab, which will serve as a collection site for provider-ordered lab work, also opened at the Third Street facility on May 1.

Fitness and rehab services have been offered continuously at the Southeastern Health Pembroke facility since it opened in 2000 under the ownership of FirstHealth of the Carolinas; Southeastern Health (SeHealth) purchased the facility on December 31, 2013. Independent medical clinics which were located within the facility at the time of the ownership transition will remain in their current location.

For more information, call Southeastern Urgent Care Pembroke at (910) 521-0564 or Southeastern Lifestyle Center Pembroke at (910) 521-4777.

Southeastern Wound Healing Center recognized with national award for clinical excellence

Southeastern Wound Healing Center (SWHC) has earned the *Center of Distinction Award* by Healogics, Inc., the nation's largest provider of advanced wound care services. The Center achieved outstanding clinical outcomes for 12 consecutive months, including patient satisfaction over 92 percent, a minimum 91 percent wound healing rate within 30 median days to heal, and other quality outcomes. There were 511 centers eligible for the Center of Distinction award, only 157 achieved the honor. This is the second consecutive year that SWHC has been selected for this recognition.

"The Wound Center has improved the health of Robeson and surrounding counties by healing patients previously thought chronic and unhealable," said SWHC Medical Director Dr. **Barry Williamson**. "It is a great resource for patients and physicians alike."

SWHC is a member of the Healogics Network of over 550 centers, which provides access to benchmarking data and proven experience treating over two million chronic wounds. The center offers highly specialized wound care to patients suffering from diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, infections and other chronic wounds which have not healed in a reasonable amount of time. Advanced treatments included hyperbaric oxygen therapy, negative pressure wound therapy, bio-engineered skin substitutes, biological and biosynthetic dressings and growth factor therapies.

"I am very proud of the work of the physicians and clinical staff," said SWHC Program Director **Kathy Hansen**. "They not only heal patients' wounds, but they also improve their quality of life."

SWHC, an affiliate of Southeastern Health, is located at 103 W. 27th Street in Lumberton. No referral is necessary. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call (910) 738-3836.



In the news



Walk with a doc events highlight cancer and exercise

Southeastern Health and Gibson Cancer Center sponsored their second *Walk with a Doc* event on April 10. Physician Assistant **Catherine Gaines** presented a program on head and neck cancer and Dr. Jeff Campbell of Campbell ENT and Facial Plastic Surgery walked several laps around the mall with the group. The first *Walk with a Doc* event highlighted colon cancer and featured Dr. **Sam Britt** of Southeastern Surgical Center 2. The slogan for the *Walk with a Doc* program is educate, exercise, empower.

“Hats Off” to volunteers



Southeastern Health (SeHealth) volunteers celebrated with the *Hats Off* theme during an appreciation banquet held April 3 in the cafeteria at Southeastern Regional Medical Center (SRMC). The volunteers' contributions saved SeHealth an estimated \$255,000 since April 2013, a 38 percent increase over the last year. More than 300 volunteers from SRMC, Southeastern Lifestyle Center for Fitness, Southeastern Hospice, Diabetes Community Center, Pastoral Care Services, WoodHaven, Cardiopulmonary Rehab, Gibson Cancer Center, Physician Services and Camp Care were presented with gift cards and certificates of appreciation. Entertainment was provided by Greg Malinsky and John Hodges.

Heart emergencies highlighted

Former heart patient Harry Mofford of Lumberton, standing at right, was a guest speaker during an emergency heart care seminar hosted by SeHealth, Duke Heart Network and NC R.A.C.E. (Regional Approach to Cardiovascular Emergencies) C.A.R.S. (Cardiac Arrest Regional System) on April 10 in the SRMC cafeteria. Mofford shared his experience as a patient who benefitted from the Code STEMI to treat his heart attack quickly. He praised the ambulance crew, Southeastern Health Heart and Vascular team, his care while a patient at SRMC, as well as his follow-up care through Cardiopluminary Rehab. Health care professionals from throughout the region attended the course, which was coordinated through SeHealth's Educational Services department and Southeastern Health Heart and Vacular.



Medical Staff News

Pediatrician Dr. Scott Ryan retires

Friends, family and colleagues gathered at Southeastern Regional Medical Center (SRMC) on March 13 to celebrate Dr. **Scott Ryan**'s service as a pediatrician and member of the medical staff of Southeastern Regional Medical Center and Southeastern Health (SeHealth).

During the retirement event, SeHealth President/CEO **Joann Anderson**, on behalf of the SeHealth Board of Trustees, presented Dr. Ryan with a crystal tower engraved with his years of service to the medical staff, 1989-2014. Southeastern Health Medical Staff President Dr. **Barry Williamson** also presented Dr. Ryan with a portrait which will hang in the main corridor at SRMC.

Dr. Ryan earned his medical degree from University of Kansas in 1973 and completed a pediatric residency at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz., in 1976. He is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics. He served as president of the SeHealth medical staff from 2002-2003 and has served on the SeHealth Foundation Board since 2009.

During his 25 years of practice, he has been associated with Lumberton Children's Clinic, a part of Children's Health of the Carolinas.



"My practice of pediatrics in Lumberton has been highly rewarding," said Dr. Ryan. "The citizens of this area are very receptive and kind, and my family and I intend to remain in Lumberton in retirement."

Dr. Ryan and his wife, Glenda have three children and four grandchildren.

Medical staff names officers



Barry Williamson, M.D.



Terry Lowry, M.D.



Sydney Short, M.D.

Physicians affiliated with Southeastern Health elected the following officers to lead the medical staff for a two-year term from January 2014 through 2015. They are: **Barry E. Williamson, M.D.**, president; **Terry Lowry, M.D.**, president-elect; and **Sydney Short, M.D.**, secretary/treasurer. Dr. **Joseph E. Roberts** is immediate past president. Pathologist **Richard Johnson, M.D.** and Orthopedic Surgeon **David Allen, M.D.**, will serve two-year terms as chairmen of the departments of medicine and surgery, respectively.

2014 Annual Swing for Good Health Golf Tournament

The 2014 *Swing for Good Health* Golf Tournament will be held at Pinecrest Country Club on Thursday, May 1 with a rain date of Monday, May 5. Lunch and registration is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a Shotgun start at 1 p.m. Awards and cash prizes will be given. Proceeds benefit Southeastern Health's Academic Scholarship Endowment Program. For more information, call (910) 671-5583 or email foundation@srmc.org.

Helping Hints for Yourself and Others

Employee assistance

by EAP Specialist Jack Crain



Jack Crain

The problem is not entirely in finding the room of one's own, the time alone, difficult and necessary as that is. The problem is more how to still the soul in the midst of its activities.

Karen Morrow Lindbergh, *Gift from the Sea*

Sheneka was in obvious emotional pain. She was weeping heavily and having difficulty getting her breath. As she gradually pulled herself together, she began to explain that her mother had just received the news that tests revealed she has breast cancer and she would need intensive treatment. "I can't believe this is happening to us!" she exclaimed. "My mother has always taken good care of herself and has gone for regular medical checkups all of her life. She's a very religious person. And now this happens!"

Following a period of silence, I suggested that we begin to formulate a preliminary plan to effectively cope with this sudden traumatic event in Sheneka's life. "I feel so alone," she said as she began to weep again. "I know I shouldn't say this, but I feel like God has deserted my family. I'm afraid there will be no one to help us."

I had called my colleague about a work-related matter. His voice indicated things were not well. "It sounds as though something is troubling you," I said. "You're right," he said sadly. "A good friend just called me and indicated that he and his wife of 23 years are separating. I was stunned and speechless. I don't know how to help him. Can we meet as soon as possible to talk about this?"

Sheneka and my colleague share something with every person who walks this planet: a life filled with joy, suffering and personal problems. Some events are slow in coming while others appear in an instant, like the recent mudslide that destroyed a residential neighborhood north of Seattle, Washington, leaving a death toll of 36 people and several still missing. Seemingly insignificant incidents or traumatic events can leave us devastated, feeling alone, confused and often helpless.

There is good news. It is unnecessary to face life's difficulties alone, without help. It is a healthy practice to let others help us in time of need. Allow your family, friends, medical caregivers, pastor and church members to help and support you. Use EAP services and appropriate support groups.

And there is more good news. There is a proven way to help yourself. Helping others improves our own health! Sobel and Ornstein, in their book Healthy Mind, Healthy Body, indicate that more and more studies show that helping, caring relationships can improve the health of the helper and, truly, may be a part of our own innate nature. **"Paradoxically, sometimes one of the best ways to promote your own health or to cope with a health problem is to forget yourself, and concentrate on caring for someone else."** In fact, excessive preoccupation with our own comfort and discomfort can lead to depression, poor health, and life without much meaning.

SeHealth is fortunate to have over 300 volunteers who expend much energy and an impressive number of hours helping in numerous ways throughout the medical center, Gibson Cancer Center, WoodHaven, Southeastern Hospice House, Camp Care and in the homes of Southeastern Hospice patients and families. Their smiles, kind words, quiet listening to a patient or family member, and a multiplicity of other tasks add a dimension to our mission and caregiving that far exceeds a monetary reward.

A volunteer in another setting said, "At first it was really difficult and sad, but now going to the hospital every week and cuddling those AIDS babies means everything in the world to me. It gives me a chance to forget myself. I feel so great afterward – energetic, and somehow lighter – and I can't wait until next time. It's now what gives my life meaning."

Any kind of helping can be fruitful. But hands-on activities that require personal contact – such as tutoring kids or adults, involvement with Meals on Wheels, or visiting the elderly and ill in their homes or nursing homes – seem to be more beneficial to the helper than the less personally engaging ones.

Is life a drag? Are you feeling listless and despondent? Has retirement or loss caused you to question your purpose in living? Get outside of yourself and find a way to help others with the understanding that it can not only improve **your** mental, physical, social and spiritual health, it also aids in promoting the overall health of our entire society and world.

Interested in helping yourself and/or others? Call EAP at (910) 671-5067 for a safe place, a listening ear, and for information on volunteering.

Promotions

Ashley-Lynn Barnes (6-Tower) - Secretary

Jackie Bedsole (Physician Services) - Certified medical asst.

Jamie Berumen (Central Sterile Supply) - Certified surgical tech

Bethany Cain (Emergency Services) – Secretary

Christopher Cole (Information Technology) - Systems analyst

Cassie Conley (Central Sterile Supply) - Certified surgical tech

Brittany Chavis (Fitness Services) - Health fitness specialist

Ashley Deese (Home Medical Equipment) - Audit/follow up specialist

Quawanna Hunt (Anesthesia) - CRNA

Carolyn Locklear (Surgical Services) - Surgical tech

Lauren Locklear (Fitness Services) - Fitness specialist

Gail Mitchell (Health Information) - Electronic patient folder scanner

Jocelyn Sanderson (Central Sterile Supply) - Certified surgical tech

Tammy Suggs (Revenue Cycle) - Patient account rep.

Amanda Taylor (Revenue Cycle) - Financial counselor



Gladys Paul (Community Health) - Diabetes program coordinator

Our people

Bear Team customer service excellence winners



Fannie Lowry

Fannie Nicole Lowry (Physician Practices) was recognized as Southeastern Health's Bear of Excellence for the month of February. This award is presented to employees who exceed expectations. She was recognized for maintaining empathy for customer's individual situations such as financial concerns, family issues, etc.; treating all customers as "my favorite customer;" and exemplifying "I am" what customers see and hear.

Lowry was acknowledged with this award because she took time to counsel with a distressed patient and became an inspiration for them to overcome obstacles and regain their confidence.

"My job is satisfying because I am able to help in the community—my community—here in Robeson County," said Lowry. "I love that I can be of service for my neighbors."

Lowry lives in Pembroke with her husband and two children and has worked for Southeastern Health for two years. She previously won the BEAR of Excellence award in January 2013.



Audrey Autry

Licensed Practical Nurse **Audrey Autry** (Southeastern Medical Clinic St. Pauls) was recognized as Southeastern Health's Bear of Excellence for the month of March. This award is presented to employees who exceed expectations. She was recognized for assuring continuity of care and services; treating all customers as "my favorite customer;" and exemplifying "I am" what customers see and hear.

Autry was acknowledged with this award because she traveled to the clinic—even though it was officially closed due to inclement weather—in order to administer medication to a patient who required daily injections as part of a treatment series.

"My job is satisfying because of the caring of the organization and how they treat the patients and the employees," said Autry. "I have great compassion for our patients; I treat them as I would my own family."

Autry lives in St. Pauls with her husband and has three children and one grandchild. She has worked for Southeastern Health for 13 years.

In memoriam

Myrtle Willard
(Anesthesia)
1930-2014

Sally Edwards
(7-Tower)
1944-2014



Steven Baratta



Nathan Stephens

Southeastern welcomes new leaders

Southeastern Health announces appointments to two leadership positions: **Steven R. Baratta** as Chief Managed Care/Business Development Officer and **Nathan G. Stephens** as Chief Compliance Officer.

Baratta, an Illinois native who grew up in California, earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and advertising and a master's degree in healthcare administration, both from San Jose State University in San Jose, Calif. Before joining SeHealth, he served as assistant vice president of alternative payment and clinical integration for Health Management Associates in Naples, Fla. He has over 27 years of hospital system, health plan and physician group operations experience.

Baratta and his wife, Brenda, live in Lumberton and have two sons.

Stephens, a Pennsylvania native, earned an undergraduate degree from Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, Pa., and a law degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa. His previous work experience includes serving as a consultant for Sunshine Act compliance for GlaxoSmithKline, and Medicare contractor for MAXIMUS Federal Services and Executive Health Resources.

Stephens and his wife, Janelle, have two children and plan to relocate to the area in the near future.

Speakers Bureau

Sherry Edwards (Infection Control) spoke to the Tar Heel Chapter of International Executive Housekeeping Association on Feb. 26 on *Infection prevention in schools, universities, hotels and health care facilities*.

Dr. **Riyaz Jinnah** (Southeastern Orthopedics) presented podium and poster presentations during the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' Annual Academy Meeting in New Orleans, La., March 11-15.

Kathy Hansen (Southeastern Wound Healing Center) spoke to the Kiwanis of Robeson-Lumberton on March 19 on *Hyperbaric oxygen (HBO) therapy and skin care*.

Justin Emanuel (Fitness Services) spoke to East Lumberton Baptist Church senior group on April 15 on *Chair exercises*.

Achievements

Ash Walker (Cardiac Rehab) was recognized with the North Carolina Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Association's Distinguished Service Award for serving as Coastal Region Vice-President from 2012-2014.