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BRAIN & SPINAL INJURY TRUST FUND COMMISSION

Governor Sonny Perdue has appointed a new Chair and four new Commissioners to the Brain & Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission.

J.D. Frazier, the Commission's new chairman, has served on the Commission since 2007, sitting on many committees and bringing first-hand experience to the Spinal Cord Injury Task Force. He volunteers as a Peer Visitor with Shepherd Center, and owns Para/Quad Services, Inc. New Commissioners include Andrew C. Dennison, M.D., medical director of brain injury rehabilitation at Walton Rehabilitation Health Systems; Julia L. Mikell, M.D., a physician and neurologist at Savannah Neurology Specialists and assistant clinical professor of Neurology at the Medical College of Georgia; T. Jane Warnock, an assistant accountant/payroll specialist at Ocmulgee Electric Membership Corporation.



■ J.D. Frazier

FLOYD MEDICAL CENTER

Kurt Stuenkel, President and CEO, has announced Alison Land, MHA, MBA, FACHE, has been named a Vice President at Floyd. A Floyd employee since 1999, Land earned her Master of Business Administration and her Master of Health Administration degrees from Georgia State University. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Kennesaw State University.



■ Alison Land

John E. Glaze has been named director of Security at Floyd Medical Center. A Rome police officer of 20 years, Glaze recently retired as an investigator. Currently the president of Coosa Valley Fraternal Order of Police, he has been a part-time Floyd employee for nearly 14 years serving as a certified law enforcement officer in the Emergency Care Center and Security department.



■ John E. Glaze

Adam Grant has been named a planning analyst in the Planning department at Floyd Medical Center. A Floyd employee for nearly four years, Grant has served as an operating room scheduler in the Outpatient Surgery Center at Floyd and as a rehabilitation technician for Inpatient Rehabilitation services.



■ Adam Grant

Jennifer G. Helbing has joined Floyd's Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence staff as a patient navigator. Prior to joining Floyd, she served as office manager for Helbing Builders, Inc. In addition, she has eight years of experience as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Bristol-Meyers Squibb.



■ Jennifer G. Helbing

MCG HEALTH, INC.

William "Dink" H. NeSmith, Jr., President and Co-owner of Athens-based Community Newspapers, Inc., has been appointed to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors of MCG Health, Inc. NeSmith was appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue in 2008 to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to represent the 10th Congressional District. A 1970 graduate of The University of Georgia (UGA), NeSmith is past Chairman of the University's Fanning Institute for Leadership, and several years ago, co-authored a biography of the Institute's founder, Dr. J.W. Fanning. He is past president of UGA's National Alumni Association and Chairman of the Richard B. Russell Foundation.



■ William H. NeSmith, Jr.

Pamela Higby, RN, BSN, CMSRN, has been named Nurse Manager for the 6 North and Coronary Care Units at MCGHealth Medical Center. Before joining MCGHealth, Higby was the manager of several medical units at Aiken Regional Medical Centers, including renal, pulmonary,



■ Pamela Higby

telemetry, cardiac step-down and chemotherapy. She has also served as a clinical supervisor and a medical-surgical nurse at Aiken Regional. Prior to that, Higby was a medical malpractice consultant for an Augusta law firm.

REDMOND REGIONAL MEDICAL

Gerrice Wood Rains, R.N., M.S.N., has been named the Nurse Director of the Vascular/ Cardiothoracic Progressive Care Unit at Redmond Regional Medical. Rains came to Redmond in 1981 and since that time has served in a number of roles around the hospital. She has served as a floor staff nurse, Relief House Supervisor, CCU nurse and most recently as the Heart Failure Accreditation Coordinator.



■ Gerrice Wood Rains

VISITING NURSE / HOSPICE ATLANTA

Visiting Nurse / Hospice Atlanta has promoted two members of its senior team. Rhett Austin has been named Vice President of Operations. Austin has worked at Visiting Nurse / Hospice Atlanta for nine years in various finance-related roles. Previously, Austin was the Regional Finance Manager for a major, national provider of home healthcare. Nursing veteran Joyce Osborne, BSN, MHA, COS-C, has been named Executive Director of Home Healthcare. Osborne joined Visiting Nurse / Hospice Atlanta in 2007 as Clinical Director, having run DeKalb Medical's home healthcare program for almost eight years. For 10 years prior to her home healthcare career, Osborne led private duty, home hospice and home infusion programs in Florida, Georgia and Pennsylvania.



■ Rhett Austin



■ Joyce Osborne

DEKALB MEDICAL

Amin Bhatia has been promoted to Director of Corporate Services with DeKalb Medical. Bhatia first joined DeKalb Medical in 2003 as Business Manager, Occupational Medicine. Prior to joining DeKalb Medical, Bhatia was Director of Global Solutions for MindLever. In addition to his background in software and business development, Bhatia began his career in Public Accounting in the United Kingdom.



■ Amin Bhatia

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WALTON REHABILITATION HEALTH SYSTEM

Andrew C. Dennison, M.D., medical director of brain injury rehabilitation at Walton Rehabilitation Health System, was recently appointed to the Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission by Governor Perdue. He is a member of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine and the Brain Injury Special Interest Group. Dennison earned a bachelor's degree from Emory University and a medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.



■ Dr. Andrew C. Dennison