

- The University Health Care Committee held a meeting yesterday at the Charles T. Wethington Building.
- We had a presentation about how UK HealthCare is working to Create a Healing Environment for patients, families and staff. Jackie Hamilton, Cheryl Benze, and Connie Jennings discussed some of the healing programs they have in the areas of Art, Art Therapy, Music Therapy, and Integrative Medicine.
- Craig Collins, UK HealthCare VP and Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the enterprise's FYTD 2017 and December operating results. Key takeaways on that included:
 - In December, financial numbers came in below budget, but overall Year-to-Date, operating margin is at 10.5%, which is on track with budget targets
 - Discharges are below plan YTD
 - Average daily census, average length of stay, Case Mix Index are all greater than budget
 - UK HealthCare has seen a serious change in the acuity of patients; year to date, the number of routine/intermediate patient days is down around 3,800 days, but the number of Intensive Care Unit days is up by over 5,300 days. ICU patients require much more concentrated nurse staffing, which is contributing to some of the increased personnel expenses.
 - Management continues to focus on expense reduction activities, in the areas of: monitoring FTE requests, focusing on process improvement, implementing supply and drug standardization, and working with consultants to develop a more robust workforce management process
- Dr. Karpf provided some informational updates to the Committee on FCR 4 and 5, which pertained to the endowed chairs in child neurology.
- Dr. Karpf also shared an update regarding PR 3 (the appointment of additional members to the Board of Directors of the UK Center on Aging Foundation) and PR 4, the renaming of the Gill Heart Institute building to become the "Gill Heart and Vascular Institute."
- Dr. Phil Chang provided an update on the Flu Activation plan that was initiated by UK HealthCare yesterday. UK HealthCare has recently seen an increased incidence of flu activity among patients and healthcare workers and the Kentucky Department of Health is reporting that influenza is "widespread" in Kentucky right now. UK is tightening its protocols for employee personal hygiene and best practices. For patients, the hospital and clinics are making some changes to visitation policy to try and limit potential exposure. UK is monitoring closely and once the threat has receded, restrictions will be lifted as appropriate.

- **The following actions were taken by the Committee:**
 - Reviewed and recommended two FCRs to the Finance Committee, which met this morning and were part of the Chair's consent items:
 - **FCR 9**, which authorizes the lease of office space for the UK Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science.
 - **FCR 11**, which authorizes UK HealthCare to rebuild critical core systems to improve its existing business continuity and disaster recovery IT capabilities.
 - The Committee approved a presented list of privileges and credentials brought before them