

Welcome New Staff



Charles Eisenberg

South Nassau Hospital has named Charles Eisenberg director of Behavioral Health Services.

Mr. Eisenberg joins South Nassau with more than 20 years of clinical and administrative experience in behavioral health care.

Prior to joining the staff, Mr. Eisenberg served four years as the director of the Behavioral Health Division of Park Avenue Medical Associates. He also managed the inpatient Geriatric Psychiatry Department at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital and oversaw a network of psychiatry programs in nursing homes in the metropolitan area.

A specialist in existential psychoanalysis, Mr. Eisenberg earned a bachelor's degree in English from Binghamton University and a master's degree in social work from Marywood College in Scranton, Pa.



Mary Golden

South Nassau has appointed Mary Golden Human Resources manager.

Ms. Golden has more than 10 years of experience in human resources as a generalist and manager.

Previously, she served as a manager in human resources at New Island Hospital.

In her role she communicates administrative directives and hospital policies to department heads and employees and ensures their compliance and implementation. In addition, she manages the hospital's pension plan.

She earned a bachelor's degree in organizational management and a master's degree in management and human resources from St. Joseph's College.

Movin' On Up



Dana Lewis, R.N.

South Nassau has promoted Dana Lewis, R.N., to manager of nursing informatics.

Ms. Lewis joined the South Nassau staff in 1986 as an R.N. Since then she has held a number of positions, including nurse manager and assistant director of nursing.

In her new role, she works with Information Services to implement computerized order entry on the nursing units and coordinates the assessment of clinical documentation software. In addition she analyzes the clinical workflow systems and processes to improve efficiency of nursing practice and patient care.

She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in nursing administration and informatics from Molloy College. She is certified in oncology nursing from the Oncology Nursing Society and in nursing administration from the American Nurses Credentialing Center



James Plotner

South Nassau Hospital has named James Plotner assistant director of environmental services.

He has served as supervisor since 2006.

Previously, Mr. Plotner was an environmental service supervisor at St. Francis Hospital for more than 11 years.

In his role, he plans, directs and coordinates cleaning activities with the administrative director of the department. In addition, he coordinates training for the housekeeping staff, ensuring proper techniques, materials and equipment are used.



William Rofrano

William Rofrano has been promoted from supervisor of the power plant to assistant director of power plant operations and utilities management.

He is responsible for supervision of the Power Plant operations and maintenance of heating and cooling systems. In addition, he manages hospital utilities, including electric, gas, steam and chilled water. He has been a South Nassau employee since 1998.



Debra Winchester, R.N.

Debra Winchester, R.N., has been promoted to director of nursing.

In 2006 she began her nursing career at South Nassau as an assistant director of nursing on the night shift.

Her responsibilities include daily oversight of a 36-bed psychiatric inpatient unit and three telemetry units with a capacity of 120 beds.

She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from North Park College in Chicago, Ill., and a master's degree in health administration and informatics from Molloy College.

In Memoriam

Judith Rivera, Phlebotomist



Judith Rivera during the 2007 holidays.

Judith Rivera, a phlebotomist in the Department of Pathology and Laboratories since 2004, died on October 16 at Nassau University Medical Center. She was 45.

Ms. Rivera of Merrick was killed in a car crash on Sunrise Highway in Merrick on her way to work.

"She was very dedicated and always ready to help her co-workers," said Jane McC Carson, phlebotomy service coordinator and Ms. Rivera's supervisor. "She enjoyed her job and loved the interaction with the patients."

The native of El Salvador was active in her church, where she taught Sunday School.

Ms. McC Carson said Ms. Rivera was anticipating becoming a grandmother this month. Her son Jose and future daughter-in-law, Sarra Morales, welcomed their first child, Jose Angel, on November 2.

In addition to her grandson and son, she is survived by her fiancé David Pisarz of Massapequa, a sister Maria ("Isabel") LaSala of East Meadow, who is a nurse's aide in the Emergency Department at South Nassau Hospital, and her mother Dina Arias of Freeport.

"She brought hope and faith to everyone," Ms. McC Carson said. "Her colleagues will remember her beautiful smile and her upbeat personality. Her South Nassau family will miss her."