

Roxanne Weisendanger UMC Interim CNO Cindy Stout Selected to Head El Paso Children's Hospital

Last week started like most weeks for Roxanne Weisendanger, working on plans and programs affecting hundreds of UMC nurses under the direction of Cindy Ann Stout, then-UMC Chief Nursing Officer. When the week had ended, Roxanne was selected as UMC's Interim Chief Nursing Officer and now leads all UMC Nurses and associated programs after the selection of Cindy Stout to lead El Paso Children's Hospital as its President & CEO.

Roxanne addressed members of the CARE Advocates Friday and assured all that successful planning and programs, a strong emphasis on quality and safety, including preparation for the upcoming Joint Commission survey, will continue without interruption.

"I am so excited for Cindy in her new position at El Paso Children's Hospital and I know that she put in place a great team, solid programs and charted a path for success that I was fortunate to be a part of," she said. "We have a lot to look forward to this year and I know that by working together, we will realize the goals that we put in place." No stranger to El Paso's community and its healthcare industry, Roxanne started her nursing career 39 years ago at Hotel Dieu Hospital here in El Paso, as an orthopedic nurse.

"I think Roxanne is going to do an excellent job!" said Jacob Cintron, President & CEO. "I have known her for nearly 10 years and I know she is very capable of her new leadership position as Interim Chief Nursing Officer. She has the knowledge, experience and acumen as a leader that will make her successful. We have a great team already in place supporting our nursing programs. Roxanne will certainly keep us moving forward."

Roxanne arrived at UMC six months ago from Del Sol Medical Center and has since been working as UMC's Assistant Chief Nursing Officer.



Roxanne Weisendanger
UMC Interim Chief Nursing Officer

UMC Completes Purchase Of Land For Central Clinic Vagabond Inn Site To Be Home For More Access To Care

During the last six months UMC opened two large clinics in both east and west El Paso and as of Sept. 28 is now the owner of the land under and surrounding what is now the Vagabond Inn, located at the corner of Reynolds Street and Gateway Blvd. East I-10 (next to the Arby's Restaurant), about a half mile from UMC's main campus.



The \$5.5 million purchase of the land was made possible through bond funding approved by the El Paso County Court of Commissioners in 2012 and will not require additional tax dollars or funding to complete.

“We are excited about this new project and what it means for the people of Central El Paso,” said Jacob Cintron, President & CEO. “This will be a new clinic and it will bring additional affordable access to care for our central El Paso community. While we have not finalized all our plans for the services we will provide there, El Paso can count on primary care services, imaging, pharmacy, and more. Right now, our hospital is extremely busy with outpatient care. This new clinic will give our community more access to their primary care appointments, more access to physicians, more access to imaging services, and more convenience.”

The new clinic will be a smaller version of the two large clinics on El Paso's east and west sides but will initially be more than 22,000 square feet with more room set aside for future expansion. The Vagabond Inn was initially constructed in 1966 and will tentatively be demolished this winter with development and construction to begin thereafter.

Jacob Cintron To Be Honored Friday At UTEP Awards Dinner Recognizing 2017's Distinguished Alumni

On Friday at the Don Haskins Center, our President & CEO will receive a very rare and special recognition as one of UTEP's Distinguished Alumni. The road to becoming our President & CEO began when Jacob started at UMC (then named Thomason Hospital) when he was 17. In 1983, he earned his bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from UTEP and later returned to



the University to earn an MBA and a Master of Accountancy. He became director of engineering at Thomason and, later, assistant administrator of the hospital. Jacob stayed at UMC for 17 years before moving on to executive positions at major health care systems in Chicago, San Antonio, and San Diego. Jacob returned to El Paso in 2006 to become CEO of Del Sol Medical Center, a position he held for 10 years before being named President & CEO of UMC.

“I am blown away, proud and humbled by being named as one of UTEP’s Distinguished Alumni,” he said in a UTEP press announcement after first learning of his selection earlier this summer. “If it weren’t for UTEP, I would have settled for something else, and my life path would have been very different. Thanks to UTEP, I am in a place where I’d never thought I’d be.”

For information about tickets to attend the event, go to: alumni.utep.edu/rsvp (UTEP contributed to this story.)

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration Event

The El Paso Community College Diversity Programs Office and the Hispanic Heritage Committee is sponsoring the 2017 Hispanic Heritage Mentors’ Dinner

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Linda Y. Rivas, Executive Director/Attorney at Law
&
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News Veteran and Host of *What Would You Do?*

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