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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: **STATUS REPORT ON KEY INDICATORS OF  
PROGRESS, HOSPITAL OPERATIONS, AND OTHER  
ISSUES RELATED TO THE TRANSITION TO THE NEW  
LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER – PROGRESS REPORT  
#29 (Agenda Item #S-1, February 9, 2009)**

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This is to provide your Board with the bi-monthly report on the status of transitioning to the new LAC+USC Medical Center (LAC+USC). This report is not the full monthly operational report but an interim report of Emergency Department (ED) and hospital admission volumes and specialty services with trends to include the month of January 2010.

**Census Trending (ADC includes Psychiatric & Newborn Patients)**

The Average Daily Census (ADC) for the month of January was 580 out of 671 licensed beds, an estimated 85% utilization rate (87% occupancy). The census for Medical/Surgical units was an estimated 92% utilization rate (94% occupancy) for January 2010.

**Emergency Department (ED) Indicators**

Attachment #1 demonstrates the trending of ED registrations as well as admissions to both the ED and the hospital. The ED volume shows a slight increase for the month of January which is a common trend in the hospital industry following the holiday season.

In December and January, the hospital experienced the highest number of admissions since the move to the new facility. On average from July through October 2008, there were 3,255 admissions/month. In comparison, by combining the 3,032 admissions reported in January with the average number of admissions via transfer over the last three months (166 admissions/month), the hospital has achieved approximately 3,200 admissions for January 2010. Therefore, the facility has achieved up to 98% of the average admission level prior to the move. The patients transferred include transfers to Rancho Los Amigos and to contract and non-contract hospitals as reported in the previous January 26, 2010 report to the Board.

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**Specialty Services**

Attachment #2 shows the ADC trends for the specialty areas of OB/GYN, Pediatrics, ICU, Psychiatry, Jail and Burn Units with increases in OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Jail and the Burn Units with a stable or increasing daily census in all areas.

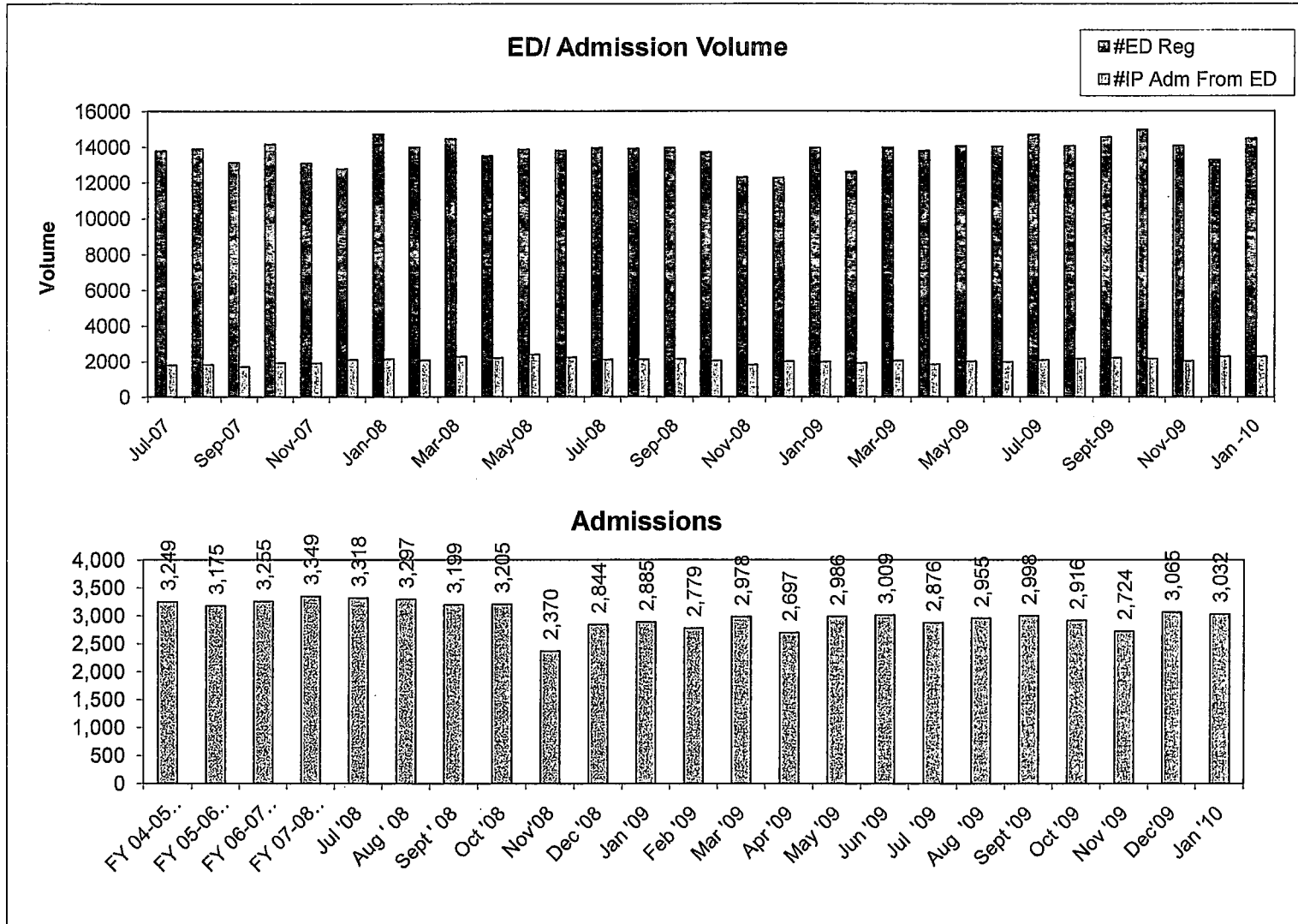
If you have any questions or need additional information please contact me or Carol Meyer, Chief Network Officer at (213) 240-8370.

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**Attachments**

c: Chief Executive Office  
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Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

## LAC+USC Medical Center Workload Summary



ED registration is the number of patients accessing the ED (Registrations) and includes the following categories:

- \* Left without being seen
- \* Transferred to the UADC on the same day
- \* Admitted as an inpatient
- \* Dispositioned from the ED

# LAC+USC Healthcare Network

Average Daily Census by Nursing Unit Subset, July 2008 to Jan 2010

Attachment 2

Based on Affinity Nursing Unit Statistical Report

