

Stone County Medical Center Strategy

February, 2008 - Batesville, Ark. – Mr. Gary L. Bebow, Administrator/CEO held a press conference today to update employees and media of the damage and rebuilding efforts at Stone County Medical Center (SCMC). He presented a diagram of the hospital that outlined damaged areas. The administrative areas were the most heavily damaged and will likely have to be rebuilt. Much of the rest of the facility will require extensive renovation.

Limited emergency services are being offered. Once ancillary services, such as lab, x-ray and dietary are restored, in-patient services can be returned to normal.

The clean-up and rebuilding effort is underway. Offices for Drs. Michelle Bishop, Ron Simpson, Andy Subramaniam and Charles Varela will be established in a temporary building and open to see patients as soon as possible.

Mr. Bebow thanked the employees, physicians, emergency responders and volunteers who helped safely evacuate our patients. We are grateful that no employees or patients were injured in the storm.

Stone County Medical Center employees were meeting with administration today to discuss employment at other White River Health System facilities until services at SCMC are operational.

The work in the weeks ahead will be difficult, but Stone County Medical Center will continue to provide healthcare services to the residents of Stone County and the surrounding area.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our neighbors and friends who suffered losses in the storm.

WRMC is a 200-bed regional referral center and the flagship facility of White River Health System (WRHS). WRHS is a not-for-profit healthcare system serving residents throughout North Central Arkansas. The system includes hospitals, outpatient facilities, primary care and specialty physician office practices, home health and hospice care, long-term care facilities and a medical equipment company. White River Health System is a member of the Premier Alliance, the American Hospital Association, and the Arkansas Hospital Association and licensed by the Arkansas Department of Health.