



Petersburg Medical Center

Food & Nutrition Services (F&NS) / Dietitian Report October 2024

Workforce Wellness

The Food & Nutrition Services (F&NS) Department has been fully staffed since January 2024. One FT cook left for a scheduled FMLA leave this week and I was able to bring in a temporary cook from out of state who has worked with us before. It should be an easy transition to cover the leave. One part-time Diet Aide is currently on unplanned FMLA leave of absence, but we hope they return soon. I am looking for one more Diet Aide to fill in gaps in scheduling with these absences.

Community Engagement

Collaborating with the LTC activities department, we hosted two bar-b-ques at Sandy Beach this summer. Both events were very successful with over 30 guests at each event. We also had a nice Volunteer Appreciation event in June, and helped with the food at the Paddle/Peddle Battle.

We continue to provide a hot lunch meal to the Cedar Social Club's home health program.

Patient Centered Care

Since our Medicare Survey, we implemented an "always available" menu residents/patients can order from if they don't like the meal. Several people take advantage of this each week. Our next departmental goal will be to start taking meal orders for all residents/patients who are able to make meal choices so they have a say in what is served to them. I am creating the new process for doing this now, and am actively recruiting internal candidates who are interested in talking with the residents and obtaining meal orders.



Summer LTC picnics at Sandy Beach



Volunteer Appreciation party in June

Facility

I am happy to report that we have no new equipment issues! Everything is working and we are very happy with our new stove and oven (pics to left). Both had to be replaced and were installed in September.



Financial Wellness

Whenever we need new supplies or equipment, I am always focused on what is useful both, now in the current building, and later in the new hospital. We also focus on taking care of our existing and new equipment.



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