



# Petersburg Medical Center

Chief of Staff Report October 2024

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## **Workforce Wellness**

Medical staff now has a full complement of providers. Dr Justin Morgan started on August 1, 2024. He graduated from Tacoma Family Medicine Residency and has signed a 1-year contract with PMC. He is working full-time.

The physicians are implementing a modified call schedule starting November 2024. The purpose of this change is to have the on-call physician more readily available for patients in the emergency room and hospital without disrupting or decreasing access to care in the clinic. The goal is for this to benefit patients, providers and PMC (financially). Kelly Zwiefel will be administering a survey to providers and patients prior to and after implementation of this schedule to help determine if the new schedule has met the goals. The scheduling for Angela Menish, FNP or Erik Hulebak, PA-C will remain unchanged.

## **Community Engagement**

Dr Morgan was on KFSK in September to introduce himself to the community.

The physicians continue to precept 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical students for their 6-week family medicine rotation here in Petersburg.

Dr Hulebak has been working with Julie Walker to launch a chapter of *Walk with a Doc* here in Petersburg. The first walk was held in September 2024 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is scheduled for October 12, 2024. *Walk with a Doc* is a nationwide program designed to “encourage physical activity and reduce the effects of a sedentary lifestyle”. The scheduled walk begins with a brief talk by a healthcare professional on a specific health topic, followed by a group walk. We aim to organize these walks every 1-2 months, keeping in mind that winter weather may affect our plans.

## **Patient Centered Care**

PMC is dedicated to expanding services for our community patients, reducing the need for travel. Dr. Kamey Kapp, an optometrist from Nome, Alaska, visits the Specialty Clinic for one week every other month to provide care. Additionally, Dr. John Raster, an ENT specialist from Juneau, sees patients in Petersburg twice a year, with his most recent visit in September and plans to return in the spring. Cameron French, PA-C, offers dermatological care and recently saw patients in August. We are also pleased to announce that Dr. Sonkis, a psychiatrist, has joined PMC to provide consultations and telehealth services, with a monthly Saturday clinic scheduled.

Thanks to a behavioral health grant awarded to PMC, our providers had the opportunity to attend an informative session led by a behavioral health expert from Pennsylvania. The talk addressed the complexities surrounding substance abuse and its associated challenges.

## **Facility**

No specific updates to report.

## **Financial Wellness**

Our medical staffing is now at full capacity, and we no longer require locum providers.

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