



Petersburg Medical Center

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Workforce Wellness

After 24 years with PMC, Mike Boggs has officially retired. While this presents new challenges to fully fill his place, we are excited to see him starting this new chapter in his life. We will miss the wealth of knowledge Mike holds about this facility and the day-to-day operations. In preparation for his absence and adjusting operations for the colder months ahead, we already started processes related to preparing the facility winter. This fall/winter we will be busy with facility upkeep and regular maintenance. The team is looking forward to the challenges and learning curves ahead.

Patient Centered Care

We were able to do a full cleaning and slight rebuild of our AHU 5 and 6. These units feed tempered air into LTC and kitchen. The cleaning and rebuilding resulted in more airflow to areas in need, which should help keep even temperatures during the cold weather ahead. Also, we are battling our aging hot water system. We have had complaints of hot water not reaching areas of the hospital, and we fix these issues as they come up. One of the largest parts of our job is to make sure the residents/other staff are comfortable while they are here, and we do our best to ensure that.

Facility

Johnson Controls surveyed the building HVAC and Air handling units. We have been experiencing issues with our online site where we can see/control temperatures. It has been quite a few years since they have been on-site and this was a necessary visit to get back on track with their system and personnel.

Along with that we have experienced the effects of the solarium's age and dated roofing/seals. Over time, our rainy Petersburg environment and the dated seals/roof moisture have crept behind the sheetrock and into the insulation. This has caused an inviting environment for mold to grow. To fight this, we sealed off the entrance and placed air abatement units inside while we wait for our contractor to begin the mitigation process.

Financial Wellness

For our department its always challenging to source parts for pieces of equipment in our facility due to its age and age of equipment. If we can even find parts for some of our systems the prices are often staggering, which requires the need for resourcefulness when certain projects come along. However, I do not see any large expected expenses on the horizon for the maintenance department.

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