



Petersburg Medical Center

Borough Assembly Report – February 2024 – Phil Hofstetter, CEO

FY24-28 Strategic Plan Goals, Priorities, and Benchmarks

Community Engagement:

- [PMC fourth quarter newsletter](#)
 - <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/The-latest-PMC-newsletter-for-you.html?oid=1131316195208&aid=1237gLzej8Q>
- January 2: PMC reports out at Borough Assembly Meeting
- January 18: KFSK Radio PMC Live
- January 30: Borough/Hospital annual work session
- January 31: Open house on new hospital project
- Feb. 6: A meeting with Senator Stedman is scheduled to discuss the need for legislative support of the PMC replacement project. Assembly Member Lynn and Mayor Jensen will accompany this meeting along with myself, PMC Board chair Jerod Cook, CFO Jason McCormick and the Borough’s state lobbyist.
- Feb. 19-21: I will be attending the Alaska Hospital and Healthcare Association (AHHA) Legislative Fly-In during February. These sessions are an opportunity to review legislative priorities and meet with legislators to discuss healthcare policy and legislation.
- December: PMC partnered with other community organizations to host several trainings related to mental health: QPR Suicide Prevention Training and Mental Health First Aid.



Financial Wellness:

- The annual joint Borough/PMC work session is scheduled for Jan. 30 at 5:30 pm in Assembly Chambers. Financial reporting overview will be provided for the work session.
- FY23 Audit completed. The management letter was reviewed by the board resource committee at the January meeting and presented to the board at the January 18 board meeting.
- Additional FEMA funding was submitted for the PMC screeners, however, this has been scaling down and phased out soon.
- Rebasing calculation for Medicaid LTC, inpatient was completed and an expected retro payment is still pending.

Workforce Wellness:

- Staffing for replacement physician to fill Dr. Hyer’s vacancy has been a large challenge and there has been a significant burden to cover ER call schedule. The medical staff is able to meet the need but long-term burn-out is a concern.
- At the January Quarterly Kinder Skog Advisory committee, the committee reviewed and discussed PMC employee enrollment for summer camp programs, improving access to the community waitlist and discussion for surveying PMC employees. Application for American Camps Association certification process will begin for accreditation as well.

Guiding Values: Integrity - Dignity - Professionalism - Team Work - Quality

Facility:

- The Borough Assembly voted to approve the Petersburg Medical Center Replacement project as the top capital project request and the number one federal priority at the January 2 Assembly meeting.
- PMC finalized acceptance of and has received the \$20M Department of Treasury Award that fully funds the WERC building. A well-attended groundbreaking ceremony was held on Dec. 8 and site preparation is well underway. Thank you to community members who attended and showed their support, and also a big thank you to the Assembly members and hospital board members who were able to attend.
- An open house to share the latest on the hospital replacement project is scheduled for January 31 at Borough Assembly Chambers, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm.
- Updates: Project updates are available on the PMC website under the [“New Facility & Planning”](#) tab.



Patient-Centered Care:

- In mid-January was the second Scope clinic using SEARHC’s Dr. Garrison followed by the first Interventional Pain Clinic. This increases our consistency and goal for providing specialty clinics at PMC adding to dermatology, optometry, ENT, audiology and psychiatry. We are looking towards an orthopedic clinic next with Juneau Bone and Joint’s, Dr. Woelber.
- The Cedar Social Club, the adult day program offered by Home Health, is now up and running at the new Home Health location in the PIA building.
- PMC is offering the third year of the Lifestyle Balance Program. This proven program from The University of Pittsburgh’s Group Lifestyle Balance curriculum helps people decrease the risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes and heart disease. Participants in this program will be given realistic weight loss and physical activity goals and supported in making changes to meet these goals designed for adults with pre-diabetes or at risk for pre-diabetes are eligible to participate. The class consists of six months of in-person instructional sessions followed by six additional monthly maintenance sessions for ongoing support and guidance. Registration is open through February 6.
- A community health fair will be held March 23, 2024, with blood draws being available at the lab from late February through early March. More details and information to come.