



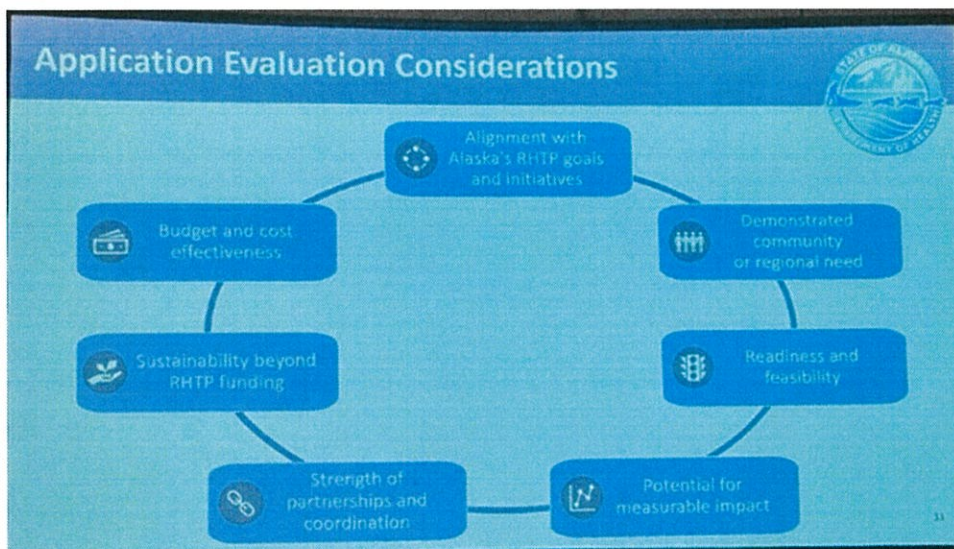
## PMC Executive Summary February 2026

**Mission Statement:** Excellence in healthcare services and the promotion of wellness in our community.

**Guiding Values:** Dignity, Integrity, Professionalism, Teamwork, and Quality

### Summary:

Since the last Hospital Board meeting on December 5, we closed out December with relatively lower primary care volume, while the Emergency Department and medevac activity remained busy with higher-acuity cases despite lower overall volume—an example of the realities of rural healthcare. December produced the second-highest medevac total of the year. January began with the State’s launch of the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP); Alaska received \$272 million in Year 1 (second only to Texas). Katie Bryson and I attended the initial in-person RHTP convening in Anchorage (January 15–16), while Joel and Jason from Finance participated virtually on January 14. The first day included presentations focused on technology and innovation, including Microsoft, followed by breakout sessions structured around the State’s initiative pathways for funding: (1) administrative readiness and technical assistance to support execution capacity, (2) planning activities needed to move projects to implementation, (3) implementation projects already underway that can be accelerated quickly, and (4) demonstration projects built through partnerships—alongside a clear emphasis on statewide technology solutions and potential alignment with CMS’s AHEAD-style global budget direction. Finally, the Assembly passed a resolution on January 20 supporting PMC’s MRI/WERC Certificate of Need (CON) application, and a similar resolution is presented today for Board consideration to reaffirm support and document the current regulatory status and next steps in the CON process.







#### Certificate of Need Application

Application was received by the state and a they have posted notification [NOTICE OF A COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - Alaska Online Public Notices](#) and coordinated a public hearing date. Written comments on the proposed project may be submitted via email at: [doh.orr.con@alaska.gov](mailto:doh.orr.con@alaska.gov), and must be received no later than 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice. You can also submit letters via our PMC website, or Facebook page. Public Meeting oral comments may be submitted during a public meeting via teleconference. Should you wish to provide a public oral comment, please see the following public meeting details:

Meeting Date: February 4, 2026

Meeting Time: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Participant

Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89346934400?pwd=FaSQnH1rTCex8e4fMu52mptURuHiED.](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89346934400?pwd=FaSQnH1rTCex8e4fMu52mptURuHiED.1)

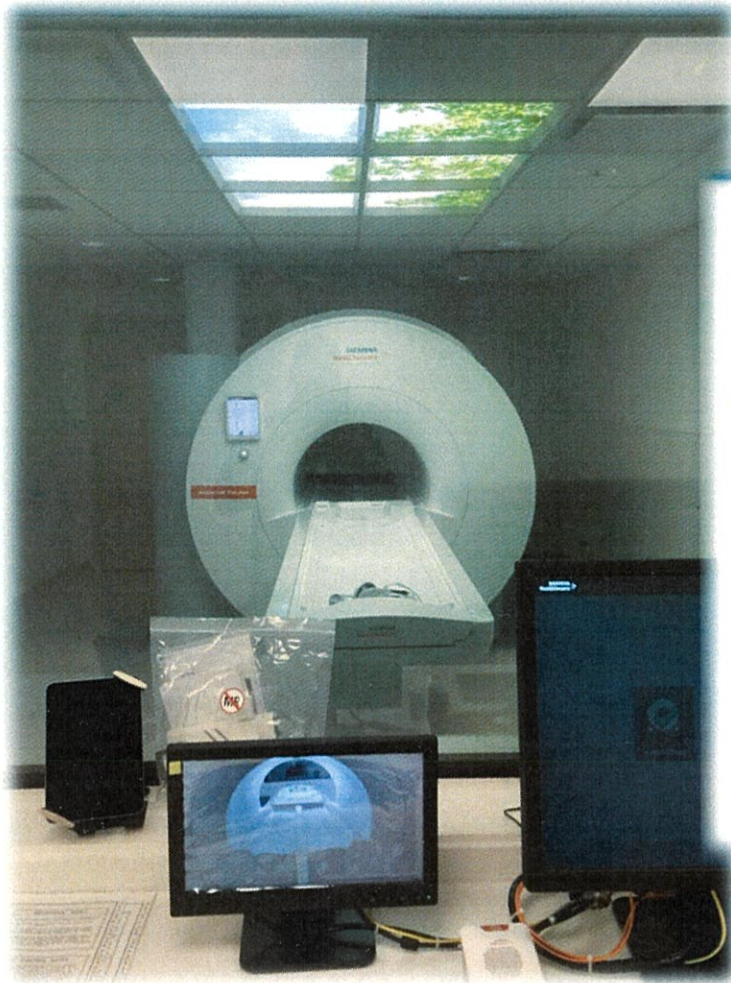
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#### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Department of Health (Department) has received an application for a Certificate of Need (CON) for the diagnostic imaging project described below.

**Project/Activity:** Construction of a New Medical Office Building and Acquisition of an MRI.

**Project Applicant:** Petersburg Medical Center.

**Project/Activity Service Area:** Petersburg Borough and surrounding remote Census Area Communities in Southeast Alaska.

**Project Description:** Petersburg Medical Center seeks to establish a new medical office building primarily to expand imaging services, which will house an added 1.5T Siemens MRI unit and additional administrative and community spaces. The total square footage of the building will be 18,900, with 1,329 sq ft being MRI space.

**Project Estimated Cost:** \$24,425,422.

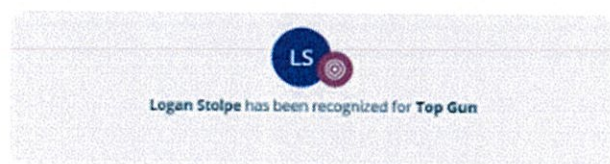
\*Annual Work Session: January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026: Assembly Borough/ Hospital Board at 5:30pm in Borough Chambers. Representatives from Arcadis and Bettisworth presented on the state of current facility, cost effectiveness of acting now, and current phased build approach. Reviewed strategic plan, and information available regarding the Rural Health Transformation Program.

**Workforce Wellness:** *Goal: To create a supportive work environment and promote the physical and mental well-being of hospital staff to improve retention and overall productivity.*

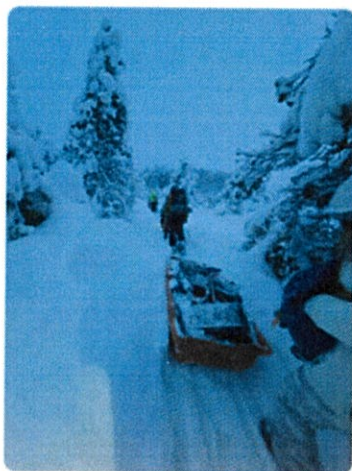
- **January 12:** PMC recognizes our contract pharmacist, Cate Kowalski and Heather Lefebvre for their exceptional service to PMC and our community, in honor of National Pharmacist Day. They play a critical role in supporting high-quality care across our organization and we appreciate their attention to detail and commitment to patient safety.
- **January 16:** Manager Meeting



- **January 26-30:** PMC recognizes our Activities professionals: Alice Neidiffer, Fe Lamphere-Englund, and Barb Marifern as they play a vital role in the quality of life for our LTC residents.
- **Ongoing:** Employee Meals
- **Ongoing:** Employee Recognition and Rewards



Thanks for lugging for all the Skogges' gear!



- **Community Engagement:** *Goal: To strengthen the hospital's relationship with the local community and promote health and wellness within the community.*
- **Ongoing:** Kinder Skog Program
- **Ongoing:** Bingocize and Tai Chi Programs
- **Ongoing:** UAA nursing program, we currently have two employees enrolled in this course.
- **January 26:** Assembly Borough/ Hospital Board annual Work Session 5:30pm in Borough Chambers
- **January 27:** Alaska Public Radio, Talk of Alaska: Rural Health Transformation Funds discussion with Health Commissioner Hedberg, and Dr. Zink.
- **January 29:** KFSK Live
- **January 29:** Hospital Board Meeting at 5:30pm in Borough Chambers.

**Patient Centered Care:** *Goal: To provide high-quality, patient-centered care, and promote wellness for patients.*

- **January 14:** Medstaff Meeting
- **January 16:** Environment of Care Rounds: focus on sterile processes
- **January 21:** Quality Meetings (LTC Quality and Critical Access Hospital)



- **Joy Janssen Clinic** Access to Primary Care: We are currently staffed with 3 Physicians and 3 mid-level practitioners.
  - We are actively looking for a provider to fill the 4<sup>th</sup> position available.
  - As of 1/19/26, the average time to the next available appointment is approximately 9 days, and the average time to the third next available appointment is approximately 12 days across all providers.
  - We have two locum providers set to assist through remaining winter months.
  - Clinic is open and available M-F 8AM-5PM, and Saturday 8AM-12, 1PM-4:30PM. Same day appointments for urgent or acute care are readily available.
  - Flu shots available at clinic, call for appointment.
- **Audiology:** Phil Hofstetter, continues to see patients in the Specialty Clinic. Call 772-5792 to schedule.
- **Psychiatry:** services are ongoing via telehealth with Dr. Sonkiss by referral.
- **Integrative Medicine:** Integrated Medicine with Dr. Hyer is offered via telehealth, email Dr. Hyer directly at [jhyer@pmc-health.org](mailto:jhyer@pmc-health.org) to schedule.
- **Optometry Clinic:** Dr. Kamey Kapp, Optometrist with Last Frontier Eye Care, regularly visiting Petersburg in the Specialty Clinic. Please call 907-434-1554 to schedule appointments.
- **Dr. Harrison:** Recently saw established endocrinology patients here in Petersburg while doing a locum rotation.
- **Scopes Clinic:** scheduled to be in Petersburg Feb 5-6 seeing referred patients. Our goal is to establish this as a regular rotational service, reducing the need for community members to travel or arrange lodging for this procedure.
- **Dermatology:** Cameron French will be returning in the Spring for dermatology appointments
- **Orthopedic Clinic:** Discussions taking place to explore options for bringing ortho clinic specialty to Petersburg.

**New Facility:** *Goal: To expand the capacity and capabilities of the community borough-owned rural hospital through the construction of a new facility, while considering the needs and priorities of the local community.*

- Monument sign pending arrival and installation- new campus.
- WERC open house will be scheduled once MRI services are fully operational. We are scheduled to have UPS for MRI installed January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Certificate of Need application was accepted by the state with next steps being a public hearing \*see above\*. Although areas such as Public Health are complete, we believe it is important for all components of the WERC — including conference rooms and the computer lab, currently undergoing final technology setup and reservation planning — to be fully ready before hosting the event. This deliberate approach ensures high-quality, fully functioning services for our community at launch.

**Financial Wellness:** *Goal: To achieve financial stability and sustainability for the hospital.*  
*FY25 Benchmarks for Key Performance Indicators (KPIs): Gross A/R days to be less than 55, DNFB < then 5 days, and 90 Days Cash on Hand*

- Accounts Receivables (AR) Update: This number was at 96 in March, down to 88 at the end of April, down to 78 mid-June, 76 for July, at 80 as of August 27<sup>th</sup>, at 76 as of September 15<sup>th</sup>, numbers at 68 as of October 21<sup>st</sup>, 62 as of November 24<sup>th</sup>, 58 as of 12/23/2025, and are currently at 54 as of January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026. These numbers represent a steady and significant decrease in AR days reaching lowest numbers ever in PMC records.
- Annual Financial Audit Report Presented at Hospital Board Meeting January 29, 2026.



**Submitted by:** Phil Hofstetter, CEO

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