



Petersburg Medical Center

Borough Assembly Report – June 2024 – Phil Hofstetter, CEO

FY24-28 Strategic Plan Goals, Priorities, and Benchmarks

Community Engagement:

- May 6: PMC reported out at the Borough Assembly meeting.
- Mayfest May 13-18: PMC initiatives promoted camaraderie, community spirit, and important conversations within the PMC community. PMC hosted a mental wellness event on May 16 at Inga's, inviting people to join us for a lunchtime conversation surrounding breaking the stigma around mental health and prioritizing self-care. Additionally, The PMC Biohazard softball team competed in this year's tournament.
- May 18: Representative Himschoot, Assembly Member and Hospital Liaison Bob Lynn, and I toured the site for the WERC and the hospital and long term care project, giving us a chance to discuss healthcare, the legislative session and capital funding.
- May 18: The Alaska Community Foundation held its annual event, honoring recipients with awards, including PMC, which received nearly \$10,000 for Teen Mental Health Training. Becky Turland and Katie Holmlund received recognition for their important contributions to this critical initiative. I want to formally thank the Petersburg Community Foundation, an Affiliate of The Alaska Community Foundation, for the grant we received to provide this training. Their support was essential to this program, and we appreciate their generosity.
- May 23: KFSK Radio PMC Live.



- Save the date for the PMC Foundation’s Pedal/Paddle Battle, scheduled for July 27. At this annual event, participants bike or paddle from Scow Bay to Sandy Beach to raise funds to support staff education and high school scholarships. Registration opens June 3.

Financial Wellness:

- Accounts Receivables (AR) is still hovering about 70 - 80 days. The revenue cycle team continues to work on improving this to get to target of 55 days.
- Grants management team applied for funding to support our community based programs:




2024 PMC GRANT PROPOSALS
Total Pending Requests: \$7.8 million, FY25-FY29

- **SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework Grant**
5 Years | \$375,000 annually
Collaboration to develop community substance use and suicide prevention priorities.
STATUS: Pending (decision expected August 2024)
- **State SDS Division Adult Day Services Grant**
8 Years | \$165,000 annually
Support for Cedar Social Club staffing and other costs, including client scholarships.
STATUS: Pending (decision expected June 2024)
- **Denali Commission Basic Infrastructure Grant**
1 Award | \$2,000,000 total requested
New Medical Center & Long Term Care facility remaining costs through Phase 3.
STATUS: Pending (decision expected July 2024)
- **USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant**
1 Award | \$640,148 total requested
Equipment and software supporting telemedicine & workforce development goals.
STATUS: Pending (decision expected August 2024)
- **SBHA School-Based Health Services Grant**
1 Year | \$141,250 total requested
School District partnership to provide School Nurse & Behavioral Health supports.
STATUS: Pending (decision expected June 2024)
- **OASH Community Level Innovations Grant**
4 Years | \$555,600 annually
Collaboration to address colorectal cancer and hypertension health disparities.
STATUS: Pending (decision expected August 2024)
- **State DPH Division Opioid Settlement Funds Grant**
3 Years | \$142,828 annually
Sustain telepsychiatry access pilot program established by PMC's 2023 HRSA grant
STATUS: Pending (decision expected June 2024)



Workforce Wellness:

- Congratulations to Jordan Stafford and Kellii Wood on their Associate of Applied Science in Nursing. A UAA Pinning Ceremony was held to celebrate their achievement on May 10. These graduates now constitute approximately a quarter of our RN workforce, underscoring the significance of investing in our own talent pipeline. Expanding upon this success, PMC is committed to expanding this success, exploring growth opportunities in all departments, inspired by models like RN and CNA training. The lab manager recently shared the lab’s



“grow-our-own” initiative at the employee forum, showcasing our ongoing commitment to internal workforce development for sustained organizational success.

- Employee engagement efforts offered all employees a platform to provide valuable insights into factors contributing to workplace satisfaction, provide feedback and engage with leadership. Recent initiatives included the annual Employee Forums on May 9, a new internal newsletter, monthly CEO office hours, a workplace satisfaction survey this spring and the revival of PMC’s softball team over Mayfest week.

Facility:

- The new WERC and hospital and long-term care building site is on schedule to attain shovel-ready status. Blasting was completed in early May, and we appreciated the community’s patience and diligence while this step of the site work was completed.
- PMC continues to work on the phased funding stack as part of the long-term plan to bring the project to shovel-ready status and secure the next round of funding. Although state capital funding was not supported as part of this legislative cycle, we remain committed to continuing to pursue state, federal and alternative funding avenues. We are still awaiting word on any federal appropriations that might be awarded to this funding phase.
- PMC is submitting a GMP amendment (modification) at the upcoming Assembly meeting to address the next related construction phase of the Wellness, Education and Resource Center (WERC). The amendment has the total GMP amount for Dawson Construction and includes the previous NTPs for concrete work and long-lead procurement. Note that budget remains on-target, with site development savings exceeding \$1 million attributable to the GMP model.
- The QR codes and images provide an overview of the new buildings and with your smart phone, you can view 3D, 360-degree visualizations of what the building exteriors are projected to look like, as well as the Wellness, Education & Resource Center (WERC) floor plans.
- Updates: Project updates are available on the PMC website under the “New Facility & Planning” tab: <https://www.pmcak.org/new-building.html>.



Patient-Centered Care:

- Long Term Care residents enjoyed a Memorial Day Picnic at Sandy Beach with food, activities, and quality time for residents on May 27.

- PMC has a new 3D mammogram machine mammography machine. The Hologic 3Dimensions Unit has been shown to detect 20–65% more invasive breast cancers compared to 2D mammography alone. [Listen to the story on KFSK.](#)

