



Petersburg Medical Center

Borough Assembly Report – October 2023 – Phil Hofstetter, CEO

FY24-28 Strategic Plan Goals, Priorities, and Benchmarks

Workforce Wellness:

- On behalf of the entire PMC family, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mike Boggs, who has embarked on a well-deserved retirement after dedicating 24 years to PMC. His profound and comprehensive understanding of our facility and operations will be greatly missed.
- The annual department managers retreat is scheduled for October 25. This day-long retreat focuses on revisiting the strategic plan and brainstorming sessions.



Community Engagement:

- September 4 (Labor Day): Rainforest Run 10K and half-marathon.
- September 5: PMC reports out at Borough Assembly Meeting
- September 7: KFSK Radio PMC Live
- September 19-21: As part of advocacy, training and professional development, PMC senior leadership staff and two board members attended the annual Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association (AHHA) conference. This conference brings together members and partners from facilities and communities throughout the state to discuss current topics, challenges, and opportunities across Alaska’s healthcare system. It’s a chance to share best practices, resources, and innovative solutions and to network with colleagues across the continuum of care. There was a strong focus on mental health in healthcare and upcoming post-acute care CMS regulations for LTC that may have significant regulatory impacts. We heard from Vera Starbard, an Emmy nominated Tlingit and Dena’ina writer and playwright who shared an incredible presentation of healing through storytelling.
- On September 20 Katie Holmlund and I testified to the state Childcare Task Force that took public comments on barriers to childcare in the state. Numerous healthcare facilities, state and AHHA complemented the Kinder Skog program and are excited about this innovative program to help solve childcare challenges.
- September 22: The local SHARE Coalition hosted the “Reconnect Petersburg” volunteer fair event. LTC Activities participated and provided information on a variety of volunteer opportunities within LTC for those with weekly, monthly, and one-time commitments. Information was also available on PMC volunteer policies, including pet visitor policy and van driving.



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

Facility:

- We are still awaiting final assessment and plan to repair and mitigate the considerable water damage and concern for mold and deterioration of floor and walls in the PMC long term care solarium. This area remains closed due to safety and infection control issues.
- Progress continues on the replacement hospital building project. In September, the Borough Planning Commission approved the final site replat dedicated to the replacement building. Additionally, the comprehensive NEPA Environmental Study was completed and documents were made available for the two-week public review and comment period which began September 15, 2023.
- Final design on the new facility is coming, with more information to come on this. We expect the Architects & Engineers to have a final design by the end of the month to put forward to the steering committee for approval.
- Updates: Project updates are available on the PMC website under the "[New Facility & Planning](#)" tab.

Financial Wellness:

- FY23 Audit is currently in process and the audit firm expects to complete this process in October.
- FY24 capital budget continues to be reviewed and will have a more concise list for approval.
- PMC continues to await word from the State regarding Exceptional Relief Request.
- Financial performance is improving slowly and will be reported out accordingly.

Patient-Centered Care:

- Beginning in September, PMC and the SEARHC scope team will start endoscopy and colonoscopy services.
- In October, Specialty Clinic introduces dermatology services, encompassing skin checks, removals of moles, lipomas and skin cancer; treatment of chronic skin conditions like psoriasis, acne and dermatitis; and cosmetic Botox procedures.
- PMC is working on implementing the HRSA grant award for Rural Communities Opioid Response program which will be a part of the Behavioral Health department. This is a one year \$300k grant. Additionally, PMC has growing concerns regarding the rising instances of fentanyl use and potential abuse in our community. We held a preliminary meeting on September 28 with EMS, PHN and law enforcement to gain a clearer understanding of the situation at the community level.
- Petersburg Medical Center has two exciting new programs to help people improve strength, improve balance and decrease fall risk: Bingocize and Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance. Classes started the week of September 11 with positive reaction and are already at capacity with a need to add a second group. For more information, call 772 -5580. Class times are as follows:
 - Monday/Wednesday: 10:00-11:00 am, Bingocize
 - Tuesday/Wednesday: 10:00-11:00 am, Tai Ji Quan

