



Petersburg Medical Center

Borough Assembly Report – December 2023 – Phil Hofstetter, CEO

Possible Quorum of the PMC Hospital Board at Two Events

It is possible there will be a quorum of the PMC Hospital Board at two upcoming events, but no hospital business will be conducted.

- December 8, Noon-12:15 at Groundbreaking Ceremony for the WERC building, Haugen Drive near 8th Street (all community members are invited)
- December 15, 6:30 pm at PMC Employee Holiday Party

FY24-28 Strategic Plan Goals, Priorities, and Benchmarks

Workforce Wellness:

- The annual PMC managers retreat, including PMC leadership and board members, met Oct. 25 and discussed the past year, the strategic plan, and set the stage for the next year. Overall, the retreat focused on the retreat emphasized a commitment to improving financial stability, expanding services, and enhancing the workplace culture to better serve the community and the employees. Outcomes from the day-long meeting include an action item list, recommendation list and plan to develop Key Performance Indicators as part of the PMC Strategic Plan.



- The Alaska Department of Health announced that Phil Hofstetter was named Alaska’s 2023 “Community Star” by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH). NOSORH leads National Rural Health Day (NRHD), an annual celebration that shines a light on those who serve the vital health needs of the nearly 61 million people living in rural America. The Community Star Recognition Program was established in 2015 in conjunction with NRHD to tell the stories of the people and organizations who make a difference in rural communities. Since then, over 300 inspiring rural stars have been honored nationwide on NRHD. Additional information about National Rural Health Day and the Community Stars program can be found at [PowerOfRural.org](https://www.powerofrural.org).

Community Engagement:

- November 1: Participated in Governor’s Task Force on Child Care
- November 6: PMC reports out at Borough Assembly Meeting
- November 9: Representative Himschoot visits and tours PMC.
- November 22: LTC staff hosted a beautiful Thanksgiving Dinner for residents and their families. This was a wonderful success.

- November 24: Third annual PMC Turkey Trot and non-perishable food drive! Despite the weather there was a great turnout, with 41 participants who came together to walk/run/ride the 2-mile course the day after Thanksgiving.
- December 8: A noon groundbreaking ceremony is planned for the new replacement facility. Community members and everyone are invited to attend but be aware that access to the site is on gravel and uneven terrain.

Financial Wellness:

- FY23 Audit completed the annual audit. The management letter will be reviewed by the board resource committee in an upcoming meeting and presented to the board, expected in January 2024.
- FY24 capital budget continues to be reviewed and will have a more concise list for approval.
- FEMA funding was received related to COVID from FY23 project in the amount of \$229,415.74.

Facility:

- At the October 26, 2023, board meeting, the Petersburg Medical Center Board of Directors authorized the CEO to finalize the CCPF grant agreement with the State, and expend these funds for the planning, design, construction and fit-out of the Wellness, Education & Resource Center building.
- Site work for the pad and ground preparation for the new replacement facility began on November 13. Work is being performed by contractors Dawson Construction and Rock n' Road Construction. A groundbreaking ceremony is set for December 8 at noon at the site entry. Invitations and public notifications continue to be sent out. Construction on the WERC building is expected to begin in Spring 2024.
- Updates: Project updates are available on the PMC website under the "[New Facility & Planning](#)" tab.



Patient-Centered Care:

- The October Dermatology Clinic was another successful specialty we are fortunate to add into our specialties and look forward to in 2024. Getting these clinics together takes a lot of work and excellent teamwork, and I appreciate everyone's hard work and collaboration. Next up is psychiatry, with Dr. Tarim, who is working with our primary care group for telehealth consultations and will be here in December for his first onsite visit.
- Early November 14, PMC initiated a trauma team response once notified of the incident involving a Coast Guard helicopter and that incoming crew were being brought here. I want to acknowledge the amazing staff response to the situation. The teamwork and dedication on display here at PMC never ceases to amaze me. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved, including the PSG first responders and, of course, the Coast Guard. PMC and EMS debriefed on November 15 with good recommendations.
- On November 21 a tragic landslide in Wrangell resulted in the loss of 4 deaths and 2 still missing. Ashley Kawashima, PMC BHS clinician has been available to assist those in need related to this traumatic event.