



Petersburg
MEDICAL CENTER

Home Health Report October 2025

Workforce Wellness

Home Health is pleased to continue benefiting from the support of our travel RN, Amber, who provides home visits alongside our permanent nurses, JP and myself. In September, we welcomed Shirley Yip, CNA, to our team, and she is already doing an excellent job. Our office manager transition from Jacque Grone to Bex Keyes is nearly complete. We are grateful for Jacque's extensive knowledge and hope to continue consulting with her as needed. We're excited to announce that Kayleigh Lenhard will be joining Home Health in January as a full-time RN. For the Adult Day Program, we are fully staffed with Veronica, CNA, and Kelsey, PTA. Team members have been rotating vacation time, which has helped us maintain full coverage without staffing shortages.

Community Engagement

We are actively working to increase interest and participation in our Adult Day Program, the Cedar Social Club. Thanks to PMC's outstanding Community Wellness department, we now have updated brochures for both the club and Home Health. Three of our staff members have spoken on KFSK radio, sharing information and recording PSAs about our programs. As participation grows, we plan to welcome community volunteers. We've already had wonderful support from the Pioneers of Alaska, who have led activities and donated a new puzzle board. We continue to collaborate closely with the therapy department to ensure alignment in our patients' plans of care.

Patient Centered Care

Following our state survey in May, we've placed greater emphasis on wound care audits and ensuring that all aspects of the excellent care we provide are thoroughly documented in the health record. We've made significant progress in coordinating with Mountain View Manor and PMC's nursing department to develop safe discharge plans for patients. I plan to take an active role in collaborating with nursing staff to enhance this aspect of care.

Facility

We're excited about our upcoming move from the PIA building to the PMC main campus, into the former public health space. This relocation will foster better collaboration with other PMC departments and provide staff with much-needed privacy for phone calls and discussions—something our current space lacks. Once we move, the Cedar Social Club will have access to our current Home Health space, allowing us to host multiple activities simultaneously. This will help us tailor programming to the individual preferences of our participants.

Financial Wellness

Home Health has had a stable census with an average of 25 patients for the past 6 months. The Cedar Social Club is now one year into our three-year grant to establish an adult day program. Last month's open house was a success in terms of volunteer engagement and creating a special experience for current participants. Unfortunately, we did not gain new participants from the event. With the new brochures, PSAs, and physicians helping identify families who could benefit from the program, we remain hopeful for increased enrollment. The board's support in spreading the word about the Cedar Social Club would be greatly appreciated.

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