



Petersburg
MEDICAL CENTER

Petersburg Medical Center Borough Assembly Report September 2026

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

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

Summary: July was a productive month for Petersburg Medical Center (PMC), with strong service demand and continued progress in access, workforce, community partnerships, and long-range planning. PMC recorded 1,486 primary care encounters, 14 inpatient admissions, and 119 Emergency Department visits, all exceeding June levels and their respective longer-term averages.

The clinic continues to operate with three physicians and three advanced practice providers, supplemented by locum coverage for the Emergency Department, while recruitment remains active for an additional provider. The Direct Primary Care pilot has moved through early implementation and is now live. Rehabilitation services continue to expand, including recertification to provide local FEES swallowing evaluations and preparations for a second rehabilitation gym. MRI utilization also remains strong, with 62 examinations completed through August 18.

August-to-date developments include Patrick Sessa's relocation to Petersburg and his work developing and assessing behavioral health services as Director. In-person psychiatry services were added this month, along with staff education from Dr. Sonkiss. PMC has also received notice of a Rural Health Transformation Program award for maternal-child health and is awaiting further decisions on remaining projects.

PMC renewed its school nursing and counseling agreements with the Petersburg School District, while outreach with Borough and federal partners advanced discussions related to facility funding, rural EHR opportunities, and community safety. Recent meetings included candidate Bill Hill through the Borough, nearly a full day with Senator Murkowski's policy advisor, and a meeting with Representative Begich's office regarding EMR connectivity and potential assistance engaging Oracle/Cerner.

The Foundation's Paddle/Pedal Battle raised a record \$25,135 for employee education and scholarships.

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Capital planning continues with Arcadis and Bettisworth North refining scope, costs, and funding materials for future phases. Workforce-housing options and a potential shared Oracle Health/Cerner platform with Cordova remain exploratory.

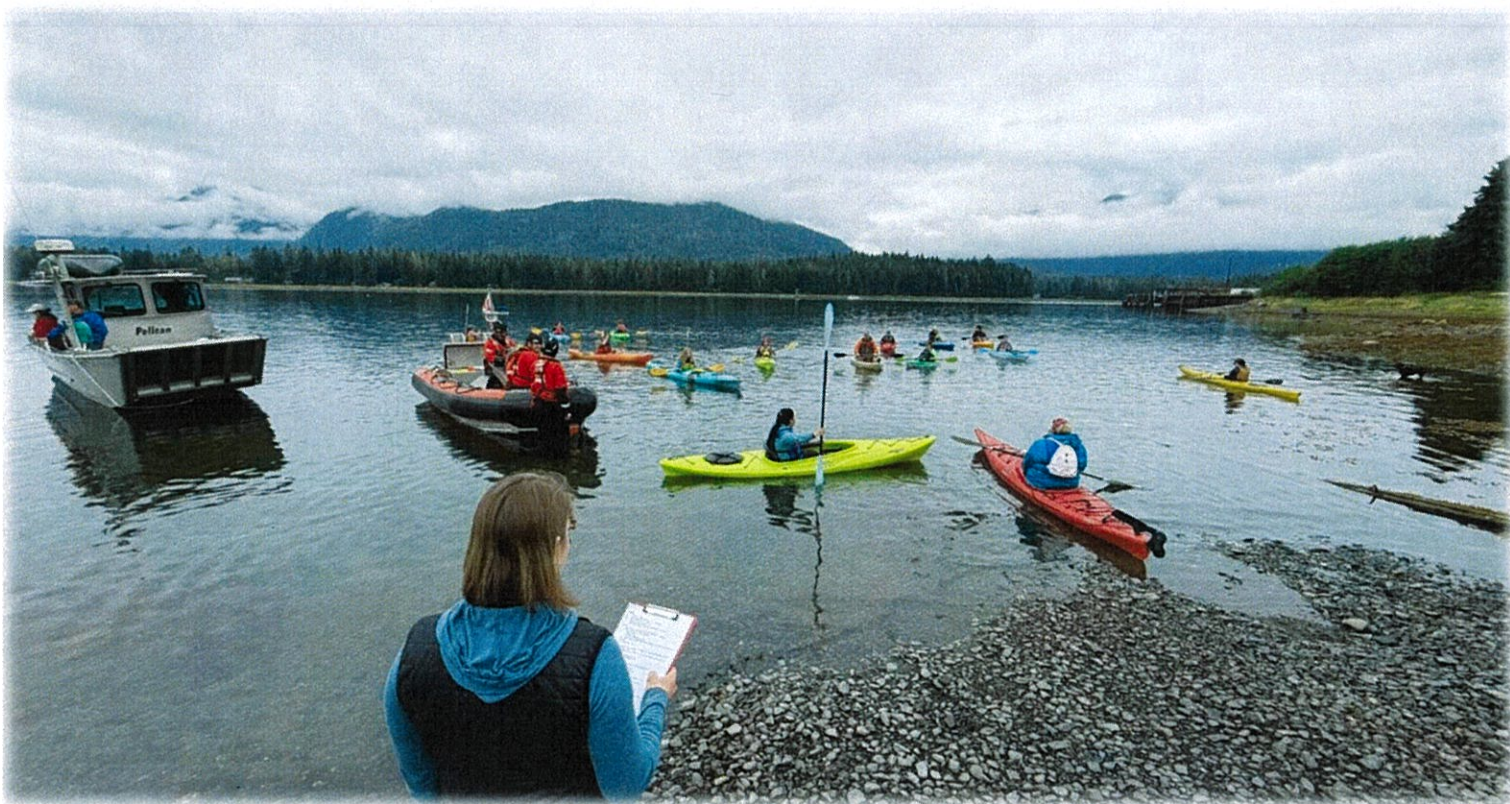
Gross accounts receivable days ended at 64, above the target of fewer than 55, making revenue-cycle improvement an ongoing management priority. Overall, July results and August-to-date activity reflect sustained demand, expanding local capabilities, and continued progress on PMC's strategic priorities.

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.*

- **August 5:** Physician lunch
- **August 12:** Medstaff meeting
- **August 12:** Training and education provided by Dr. Sonkiss
- **August 20:** CEO office hours open to employees
- **August 21:** Manager Meeting
- **Ongoing:** Employee Meals
- **Ongoing:** Employee Recognition and Rewards

Community Engagement: *Goal: To strengthen the hospital's relationship with the local community and promote health and wellness within the community.*

- **August 3:** Submitted written report for Borough Noon Assembly Meeting.
- **August 8:** Paddle/Pedal Battle Fundraiser



- **August 12:** Cedar Social Club Open House



**Cedar Social Club
OPEN HOUSE**

**Wednesday, August 12th
12:00-2:00pm**

PIA Building at North 12th Street

- Meet our caring staff
- Learn about Adult Day Services programs & activities
- Tour the program space
- Ask questions
- Connect & enjoy light refreshments

Petersburg Medical Center's **Cedar Social Club** offers **meals, activities, and professional care** for adults over 60 with memory or cognitive challenges.

For more information: 907-772-2082

- **August 20:** AHHA Executive Committee meeting
- **August 27:** PMC Live on KFSK at 12:30
- **August 27:** Hospital Board Meeting open to the public
- **Ongoing:** Bingocize and Tai Chi Programs- Tai Chi has a Wednesday at noon class for beginners at the WERC building.
- **Ongoing:** PMC is currently in the process of developing a new website designed to enhance usability and improve access to information for our patients and the community we serve.
- **Ongoing:** Conference rooms and computer room at WERC building are available to reserve at no cost to community: **Facility Use - PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER**
 - So far we have seen great uses of the space from graduation ceremonies, workforce interviews, project meetings, book club gatherings, and various youth sport club meetings

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

- **August:** MRI services available- As of August 18th, there have been 62 MRIs conducted.
- **Rehabilitation Services:** Due to the space freed up by admin staff relocating the WERC building, we have been able to arrange for much-needed space for a second gym for physical therapy which is very close to being ready. Many patients were willing to do their physical therapy exercises in the open hallway but now they will have another gym to conduct PT and other therapies.

- **Swallow Studies:** We can now offer FEES evaluations locally at PMC. FEES is a specialized swallow study that helps clinicians evaluate how safely and effectively a person swallows. Previously available only off island, this service is now offered locally with speech-language pathologist Hannah Kehrer, providing patients and families with greater access to specialized swallowing assessment and care close to home.
- **August 19:** Quality Meetings (LTC & Infection Prevention)
- **Joy Janssen Clinic** Access to Primary Care: We are currently staffed with 3 Physicians and 3 mid-level practitioners. Locums are staffed as needed.
 - We are actively looking for a provider to fill the 4th position available.
 - As of August 3, 2026, average patient access across all present providers reflects a 11-day wait for the next available appointment and 13 days for the third next available
 - Locum coverage through summer months to cover provider PTO.
 - Same day acute care appointments remain consistently available.
 - Sports physicals available, call 772-4299 then press 0.
 - 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.
- **Audiology:** Phil Hofstetter continues to see patients in the Specialty Clinic. Call 772-5792 to schedule.
- **Psychiatry:** Dr. Sonkiss continues to provide ongoing services via telehealth and was here on site in Petersburg this month seeing patients in person.
- **Integrative Medicine:** Integrated Medicine with Dr. Hyer is offered via telehealth, email Dr. Hyer directly at 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.
- **Scopes Clinic:** Dr. Taggart and CRNA Jenilyn Lo will have their next clinic in September.
- **Dermatology:** Cameron French will be conducting clinic Aug. 31st- Sept 4th
- **Endocrinology:** Dr. Harrison plans to host endocrinology clinic on September 18th.
- **Orthopedic Clinic:** Discussions are ongoing to explore options for bringing ortho clinic specialty to Petersburg.
- **Adult Day-** Cedar Social Club offered to eligible people 60 and older, please call 772-5716 to learn more about this program.

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.*

- Art pieces are starting to be received with plans to put in place at the WERC building in the next few months.
- Continuing to promote the need for fundraising for Phases 3 & 4.

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: 64
- Continuing to see some of our project proposals move forward in the RHTP process.



Submitted by: Phil Hofstetter, CEO
