



Petersburg
MEDICAL CENTER

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Workforce Wellness

PMC recognizes the crucial role that the well-being of our IT staff plays in maintaining a healthy, productive, and innovative workplace. The workforce wellness plan is designed to address the unique challenges faced by our IT professionals and promote a supportive and balanced work environment.

The objectives of our workforce wellness plan are:

1. Reduce stress and burnout among IT staff.
2. Improve physical health and fitness.
3. Foster a culture of work-life balance.
4. Increase job satisfaction and engagement.

This includes maintaining secure and user friendly access to digital wellness platforms and supporting telehealth options for staff mental health services.

Additionally, as part of our ongoing workforce wellness efforts, we have begun implementing software enhancements to our payroll and benefits platform to provide employees with a more streamlined and user-friendly experience. The project will improve access to benefits information and educational resources while making it easier for employees to understand and utilize the programs available to them.

The project also includes enhancements to benefits enrollment and employee onboarding, with the goal of simplifying administrative processes and providing employees with improved self service capabilities.

An upgraded learning management system is also being implemented to expand access to employee education and professional development resources.

Implementation is currently underway, with completion anticipated in February 2027.

Community Engagement

Wellness, Education, and Resource Center (WERC)

Public Computer and Resource Use



The WERC Building, which serves as an extended campus for PMC, is expanding the hospital's ability to provide resources directly to the community by offering public access to designated conference rooms, computers, and internet connectivity. Through an online scheduling system, community members can reserve these resources Monday through Friday during regular operating hours, with reservations available on a first-come, first-served basis. This initiative provides the community with access to reliable space and technology that can support work, education and wellness activities. The WERC building technology resources provide a practical extension of PMC's community engagement efforts and creates additional opportunities for community members to access technology, meeting space, and information resources.

Patient Centered Care

Pyxis Medication Dispensing Project

PMC has implemented a new Pyxis medication dispensing system integrated with the Cerner EHR to support safer and more efficient medication management. The integration improves communication between medication orders and dispensing workflows, helping reduce manual processes and providing clinicians with more timely and accurate medication information. The PMC IT Department provided technical support and coordination throughout the implementation, working closely with PMC clinical staff and the Pyxis team to support a successful installation. A special thank you to Elise Kubo, Pharmacy Room Coordinator, for all her hard work and time spent coordinating the many details of this project. Her efforts were instrumental in helping ensure successful implementation.



Fall Prevention Technology Project

PMC has implemented a VST fall prevention system in Long Term Care to help improve resident safety and reduce the risk of falls. The system uses sensors and alerts to notify staff when a resident may be getting up or moving without assistance, allowing staff to respond more quickly. This provides caregivers with an additional

way to monitor residents who may be at higher risk for falls and helps staff intervene before a fall occurs. The system is another tool our Long Term Care team can use alongside existing safety and fall prevention practices to support resident safety.

Facility

Emergency Preparedness

The Information Technology staff are working with Michelle Rumpel, PMC Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, to review and strengthen downtime procedures for situations where critical systems such as power, internet, or phone services are unavailable. The project focuses on strengthening staff procedures during an outage so that critical patient care and hospital operations can continue with as little disruption as possible.

Financial Wellness

SHIP Grant Funding

PMC successfully completed the 2026 cycle for SHIP Grant funding. This funding provides financial assistance for software and technology tools that support the hospital in managing required programs and regulatory reporting.

The grant funding helps offset the cost of tools used for programs such as HCAHPS, price transparency, and other CMS required reporting. Securing this funding allows PMC to continue using these resources while helping manage the costs associated with meeting federal reporting and compliance requirements.

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