

General Hospital District Information Update: On September 4, 2019 residents from a certain section of Lower Rock Creek (MM 0.80 to MM 22 of Rock Creek Road, including Idle Ranches Subdivision) submitted a petition requesting to withdraw from the Granite County Hospital District. On January 22, 2019 The Granite County Commissioners unanimously granted the petition, citing this section of Lower Rock Creek did not receive benefit from remaining in the District. It will become effective January 1, 2020, releasing them from District Mill Levy assessed taxed.

Current Healthcare Legislative Issues:

- Medicaid Expansion: MHA's New President **Rich Rasmussen**, shared the following message. "The future of Medicaid expansion remains top of mind this week at Montana's Capitol. Representatives Mary Caferro (D-Helena) and Ed Buttrey (R-Great Falls), both of whom championed expansion three years ago, are working on packages to continue coverage. Although they are taking different approaches to extending Medicaid expansion, their commitment has kept both parties engaged. MHA's goal is to support our lawmakers in their journey to get to Yes! Their efforts make one thing clear: this program is too important to not take action. Why? Because we know *Montana Medicaid Works*. It's good for patients. It's good for local businesses. It's good for our communities." Next week, MHA will launch its expansion campaign, which we are calling *Montana Medicaid Works*. With this legislative goal in mind, the campaign name is designed to remind Montana legislators and stakeholders that the HELP Act has worked well for Montana." Medicaid expansion provided coverage for nearly 100,000 Montanas including veterans and students and created roughly 6,000 jobs, roughly \$350 million of personal income and \$420 million of gross state product.
- SB 38, introduced by Sen. McDonald, is currently in committee. This bill will allow emergency care providers to offer community health care, authorizing EMT to expand their role in the community. This is the first step in an important policy change that will facilitate recruitment and retention of ambulance personnel. By expanding their role and value in the community, the position can become full time, increasing reimbursement and filling existing gaps in rural community healthcare delivery.

Activities /Life Enrichment:

- We had a wonderful Christmas Season. Patients had many family and friends visiting throughout the month.
- Volunteer Musicians played Christmas Music and patients watched Christmas movies. Some were old favorites & some were new movies.
- Our Christmas tree was placed in the dining room and decorated in Silver and Blue.
- Quilting and Sewing is an ongoing session that is enjoyed. The group made a vest for one of our patients as a Christmas present. It was a challenge to make it in the group and keep it a secret from the intended recipient. It turned out beautiful and was truly appreciated.
- On Friday December 7th patients took part in the Yule Night Parade. When the Parade was over they drove around town looking at all the lights.
- On Tuesday December 11th we had our monthly Birthday Party
- On December 12th we had an evening Bingo Game with the youth from Drummond LDS Youth Group. Everyone had a fun filled evening.
- We had two Christmas Parties with Santa this year. The 1st was on December 20th. The Staff drew patient names and provided gifts for each of the patients. On the 25th Santa came again and they opened gifts that were paid for by a donation from the H&R Thrift Store.
- On December 31st they had a New Year's Eve Party. A charcuterie plate and made from scratch cupcakes were served. They also enjoyed Eggnog and Hot Apple Cider.

Business Department/ Revenue Cycle Team:

- As a gesture of appreciation for our ongoing relationship with Montana Health Network staffing agency, they have issued us a 2% credit of 2018 payments. This credit amounts to over \$700.

Central Supply: No Report

Clinics / Radiology: We have a new on call radiologist, Matthew Palmer as Cindy McGill has retired. We have greatly appreciated her 17 years of service to GCHD.

Dietary: Our current Dietary manager Jean McKinney has given notice to resign her position as soon as we can secure a replacement. She is leaving to pursue her passion of coordinating the K9 Rescue Program. She has made significant improvements throughout the department and her contribution is greatly appreciated.

Grants:

- **CT Project:** Bill Lloyd from Great West Engineering is here to provide us with an update.
- **HRSA Network Planning Grant.** A Draft of the Community Needs Assessment Results have been presented to the network for review and discussion. These results have identified several top health issues that will be the focus for the network in developing a solution strategy.
- **Steel-Reese Foundation:** Our Business office staffs, Stephanie and Jaime have successfully completed an *Intro to Medical Coding* class funded through the Steele Reese Grant offered by Helena College. They have now advanced to a second class *Medical Terminology 2*. This additional training will bring value to their current positions.
- Jaime and I taught a *Hands Only CPR* class to 3 of the participating students one day and 2 additional on a second day.

Emergency Preparedness: No Report

Environmental Services: No Report

Human Resources:

- Leadership Questionnaires and Employee Satisfaction Surveys have gone out by hand, via email and through SurveyMonkey. The Leadership surveys will provide staff feedback on department supervisors and the Employee Satisfaction Surveys will assist in promoting employee engagement and provide insight into employee recruitment and retention strategy.
- The first GCMC Job Fair was held on Wednesday, January 23rd, although we had few attendees, it was a valuable experience in showcasing career opportunities available in our hometown hospital.
- Open positions include; a temporary receptionist to cover for a maternity leave, One day shift and one night shift nurse, one day shift and one night shift CNA, maintenance on call and a Dietary Manager

IT:

- We have applied for and received a grant from USAC (Universal Service Administrative Company) in the amount of \$5,693.61 to assist in funding our upgraded connectivity needed for the installation of our new CT
- Phase I of the new Athena/Orchard LIS installation is complete.
- Phase II is expected to be completed before Feb. 15th to allow for a full month for testing before go-live, scheduled for March 19th.
- IT expects to deploy the first Windows 10 workstations in early February. The hope to have all the workstations changed to Windows 10 by Fall of 2019.
- There may be some licensing fees associated with this change but it is expected to be well under \$1000.

Laboratory: We welcome new hire, Kimberly Hughes to start 1/31/19. Our contracted tech's last day is 2/13/19. This will allow opportunity to provide proper orientation. Please join me in welcoming Kimberly and her family to GCHD and Philipsburg.

Maintenance / Transportation: New larger TV's have been purchased through a donation from the H&R Thrift Store. They have been installed and our patients are very pleased with this wonderful much appreciated upgrade.

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Marketing and Outreach:

- Our After Holiday Celebration is planned for February 21st from 5-8pm at Camp Creek Homefire, at which time the Employee of the Year will be announced and honored. Attendance by our Board members is certainly welcomed and appreciated.

Medical Staff:

- New Credentials: **None**
- Re-credentialed Provider: Dr Christopher Harker (Tele-radiology)

Nursing:

- 2019 Licensure Report has been prepared and is included in your packet, confirming up to date license renewals for the new year.

December Patient Census

Intermediate Swing Bed (LTC)	= 22	Adult Day Care Visits	= 4
Swing Bed billable days	= 20(1)	Deaths	= 0
Acute billable days	= 0	ER Visits	= 29
Observation Patients	= 0	OP Nursing	= 0

Physical Therapy:

December had 106 Visits
 OP = 84
 SB = 10
 LTC = 12

Safety Report: No concerns shared for December

Foundation Report:

- Maria Conn has stepped down and Toby Wetsch is the new Board Chair.
- The Foundation is working on next year’s Festival of Trees at this time and the Women’s Wellness Brunch will be Saturday February 23rd at the Museum from 10a-12p.
- They are currently looking for dedicated individuals that would like to serve on the foundation and if you know of anyone please let me know and I will forward the information on to Toby.

Respectfully submitted,
 Maria Stoppler CEO/DON