



**Administrator’s Report  
July 31, 2018**

**General Hospital District Information Update:**

Great news the Steel-Reese Foundation has awarded \$20,000 to Philipsburg Area Education Foundation. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide health and medical vocational training for high school students, low-income residents and survivors of domestic violence in our county.

This is a great opportunity to encourage and identify future employees for the Hospital by providing them the opportunity to get hands on exposure and online classes through the Healthcare and Medical ED2go series at the University of Montana.

I would like to personally thank Sue (Deborah) Huffman and the Philipsburg Area Education Foundation for making this possible and for the support of GCMC.

Work and planning will continue to prepare for a successful program.

**Activities /Life Enrichment:**

- On the 7<sup>th</sup> our patients went Downtown for some shopping & visited with shop owners & had a great afternoon. To save on summer travel expenses, the plan is to celebrate “A Hometown Summer”, spending more time on local outings.
- On the 12<sup>th</sup> we Celebrated Blueberry Day, the patients baked a Blueberry cake. Blueberries are always a treat.
- On the 13<sup>th</sup> we went to the Museum for Waffle Wednesday then we went to Butte shopping
- On the 19<sup>th</sup> we had a Bee Party. A lady from Ranch At Rock Creek visited us and talked about the life of a Honey Bee. She brought empty honey combs for all to see and touch. We even had samples to taste.. She showed everyone the protective clothing and patients got to try on the hat. It made a mess of hair styles. But it was fun and interesting.
- On the 21<sup>st</sup> we hosted an event called the Longest Day. It was a day of remembrances for loved ones with Alzheimer’s or Dementia.
- It rained a bit in June so we couldn’t spend much time in the courtyard, but we were able to plant a few flowers.

**Business Department/ Revenue Cycle Team:**

As most of you know, last week, Governor Bullock announced Montana’s budget is now in a position to backfill some cuts from the special session. The State Budget Director confirmed that provider rates would be restored (2.99%), however at this time we have not been advised of the actual effective date. Restoration of rates is anticipated no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>. We were also advised that the Governor has tasked DPHHS to come up with a plan for an efficient and fiscally-sound targeted case management program across Montana. |

**Central Supply:** No Report

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**Clinics / Radiology:** Effective Tuesday August 14, 2018, The Drummond Clinic will now be open on Tuesdays, instead of Mondays. I believe this will give our Drummond patients the improved coverage and greater convenience they have requested.

**Dental:** The final evaluation and reporting for the HRSA Dental Grant was completed with Kaye Norris and Jaime Bancroft on July 11<sup>th</sup>. I am now exploring the process of how closing the dental clinic impacts the HRSA grant and any equipment purchased with grant funds. I have discussed the closing with our dentists and are working together to determine when the most appropriate time would be to discontinue services, taking into account care in progress and anticipated completion timelines.

**Dietary:** No Report

**Grants:**

- **CT Project** is on the agenda for tonight's meeting.
- **HRSA Network Planning Grant.** The Healthy Granite County Network is in the beginning stages. We have selected the project manager, Kayla Sanders from Upper Rock Creek. She is highly qualified, with an impressive resume and inspired to lead this very exciting project. The proposed members have also been selected and invitations will be going out shortly for partners and focus group members. The first official meeting is slotted for September 26<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the group is to identify and develop strategies to address top health issues in this rural area.

**Emergency Preparedness:** No Report

**Environmental Services:** No Report

**Human Resources:** No Report

**IT:** The faster internet connection was installed today. It is anticipated to increase speed 10X. Dave is also working on several additional projects; retiring the old backup server, upgrading the PACS storage and forwarding server, workstation upgrades and migrating the Windows server to a virtual machine.

**Laboratory:** No Report

**Maintenance / Transportation:** No Report

**Marketing:** A booth was set up at FCVD during the Kids Carnival where Dee distributed free bike and equestrian helmets to the children. Dee also provided free gun locks to adults and suicide prevention information. Another booth was set up Saturday and Sunday by me, to provide information on the Hospital District, increase awareness of the services we offer and the importance of the Mill Levy in general.

**Medical Staff:**

- New Credentials: None
- Re-credentialed Provider: Dr Terry Jones

**Nursing:**

**June Patient Census**

Intermediate Swing Bed (LTC)	=	20	Adult Day Care Visits	=	4
Swing Bed billable days	=	0	Deaths	=	1
Acute billable days	=	3 (1)	ER Visits	=	26
Observation Patients	=	1	OP Nursing	=	0

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**Safety Report:** No new concerns or incidents reported in June

Respectfully submitted,  
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