

APPROVED

**City of Ketchikan &
PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center**

Healthcare Advisory Committee Meeting

October 15, 2024

1. Call to Order:

The Healthcare Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Lacey Simpson at 5:00 p.m. This meeting took place at Ted Ferry Civic Center, Manzanita Bay Conference Room, 888 Venetia Avenue Ketchikan, Alaska. A WebEx option was available at this location for those unable to attend in person.

2. Roll Call:

Committee Members Present:

City of Ketchikan

Lacey Simpson - Vice-Chair
Amanda Robinson - City Member
Judy Zenge – City Member
Kim Stanker - City Clerk

PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center

Scott Smith – PeaceHealth Director
Tim Horton, MD – Community Health Board Member
Kendall Sawa – Chief Hospital Executive
Lori Medvid - Executive Assistant

Committee Members Absent:

None

Members of the Community:

Sister Marilee Murphy, Kate Govaars, Russ Cockrum,
Sarah Cook, Kristin Fahey, Kim Green, Bob Sivertsen,
Dick Coose,

3. Communications:

None

4. Persons to be Heard:

- Bob Sivertsen shared his concern over ED staff refusing treatment for local community members. Specific details were not shared, PHKMC Chief Hospital Executive will look into the matter.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Following a review of the draft minutes from the July 25, 2024, Healthcare Advisory Committee meeting, and there being no objections, the committee unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

6. Old Business:

A. Update on Behavioral Health Services at KMC

Kendall Sawa providing an update on the Behavioral Health services at PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center. He reiterated the DES designation remains intact. Behavioral Health consults are being taken care of through IRIS. PeaceHealth is working with True North Recovery, who will be running the in-patient adult treatment facility (KAR House). True North Recovery is on site and in process of hiring staff. Opening date is yet to be determined. Akeela conveyed the Gateway Center property to KTBC/Rise, who opened doors for business October 15th. Their initial focus will be on outpatient substance abuse treatment. Amanda Robinson noted the parking is now open at that facility.

B. Public Comment:

Kendall Sawa provided the PeaceHealth website for anyone wishing to leave a comment or concern. That website is: www.peacehealth.org/comment

There was group discussion on other venues for providing comments and concerns and it was noted that the website is the best tool for tracking and providing feedback on the comments provided by the community. This will also allow PeaceHealth to look at trends and report back on any issues that need to be addressed.

C. Same Day Clinic:

Scott Smith provided a brief update to the committee, and it was noted the Same Day Clinic just celebrated its first year in operation. There is slow growth in the right direction as the number of patients seen is steadily increasing. The opening of a Same Day Clinic was a specific requirement of the lease agreement and will continue to be monitored.

D. Emergency Department Update:

Phase I – Moving the CT scan to the new location:

Scott Smith reported the construction project for Phase I has been awarded to Marble Construction. The completion date is tentatively June 2025.

Phase II – Lab Design and Renovation:

The conceptual design, engineering review, and cost estimate is complete. This is now seeking capital approval.

Phase III – Emergency Department Renovation:

The conceptual design is in review.

7. New Business:

A. Nominations for HAC Chair and Vice-Chair:

A nomination was made and seconded for Lacey Simpson as HAC Chair and for Scott Smith as HAC Vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

B. PeaceHealth Annual Report Card:

Kendall Sawa went through the annual PeaceHealth Report Card, outlining core services, visiting physicians' services, recruitment, billing and collections, community benefit and charity care, patient experience, clinical quality and finally, FY24 operating results. **Report card to be made available for public review on the city's website.*

Mr. Sawa also highlighted the list of funded capital projects from CT scan replacement to sidewalk repair.

C. Cleanest Hospital Recognition:

PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center received a 5-Stars rating by CMS for cleanliness. Ketchikan Medical Center is only 1 of 2 hospitals in Alaska to have received 5/5 stars and is in the top 5% of all hospitals nationwide. Ketchikan Medical Center recognizes the EVS staff for holding such high standards for our facility.

D. SART/SANE: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

In 2024 Ketchikan Medical Center launched SANE program. There are 3 RNs trained to perform exams independently, 3 RNs working towards competency. Ketchikan Medical Center will continue to recruit and train nurses to be able to perform exams independently.

Future Agenda Items:

1. Same Day Clinic – Standing Agenda Item
2. ED Renovation Update – Standing Agenda Items
3. Behavioral Health – Update
 - i. KTBC/Rise
 - ii. True North Recovery
4. Affordable Housing
5. Capital Improvement Projects

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Healthcare Advisory Committee, Vice-Chair Simpson adjourned the meeting at 5:55PM. The next meeting of the Healthcare Advisory Committee will take place on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 9:00am in the City Council Chambers, and available via Webex invitation.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lori Medvid, Executive Assistant
PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center