

Operations Report December 13, 2014

Patient Numbers seen by specialists visiting the clinic this year--

eye doctor (Dr Jon)	10
chiropractor (Dr. Meghan)	4-6 patients every other Saturday for the last 10 weeks
dermatologist (Dr Cotter)	64 patients seen – visited twice this year
Physical therapist	96 visits by patients
Eye doctor (Dr Jeff)	100 patients seen – visited twice this year

The audit is underway. The work will be done off site this year.

Thanks to Pete we have a new car , a 2005 Chevrolet Equinox which I bought floor mats for so as to try and keep it “nice”. Dr. Newcomb and Dr. Mann were impressed!

Extra expenses to have Chris Van Looy here as temporary relief care has been an extra \$4,000. The health center paid to bring her truck over and is paying her rent.

Spoke with the company that handles the simple IRA Plan for the health center. Deb is eligible even though she is not a full time employee as her earning were over \$5,000 for the last two years. The employee handbook needs to be updated; explanation is in your packets.

Dr Meghan Costello, Chiropractor from East Bay Chiropractic in Traverse City continues to see patients.

Advertised with another head hunter (no cost involved) and also with Clinical Advisor for \$445.00 for a mid level. No feedback from either.

Purchased a phoropter for the eye doctors, the phoropter equipment here was totally outdated, in fact the eye doctor said to get rid of it.

Dr. Cotter seen 32 patients at the clinic on October 24th.

Dr. Jon VanWagnen, (Charlevoix eye clinic) in Charlevoix seen patients on October 10th. He had a full day scheduled and indicated he will be back in the spring

Steve Shotwell, Michigan Center for Rural Health, Recruitment and Retention Director reached out and is making an effort to send out advertising for a mid level to the colleges with his name attached to find another care provider.

Dr. Ritsema, Dick Gross, and Dennis Parker were here and seen patients for two days.

The air conditioner was also damaged by ice and pictures sent to insurance adjustor.

VA will be bringing equipment to start mental health telemedicine soon. Te Memorandum of Understanding is near completion by the VA.

To date have advertised on various websites spending \$1,500.00.

Jerry replaced the flushing mechanism in the toilet nearest the lab. This is the restroom patients use when asked for a urine specimen.

I have spoken with Marla Bagge, Nurse Practitioner several times and she appears to be interested in the Nurse Practitioner position. She will visit the island in January or February.

Received a \$500.00 contribution and purchased a new machine we use to do “finger poke’s” to monitor a patient’s medication. We had been drawing a patient’s blood and sending it to the hospital lab to be processed. Instead of getting an instant result from the analyzer– the patient has to wait until the next day to get the results of how his medication needs to be adjusted or not, and the cost of lab work.

Peggy Kearns – Medical Center Director, Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw, Dr. Christopher Blasy – Chief Of Staff – Chief of Primary Care, Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw, Dr. Matt Miller – Chief of Mental Health, Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw, Dr. Greg Trudell, Gaylord, Carrie Seward – Public Affairs Officer Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw, Lisa Eurick – Strategic Planner Saginaw VA Medical Center visited the Health Center. Veterans who would like to use the Health Center will transfer their care to Dr Trudell at the Gaylord VA who will be coordinating care with the midlevel’s being seen here.

Radiology Imaging Solutions inspected the x ray equipment and we are now in compliance with the state.

I have spoke with a received a call from a Universal Service Fund Specialists, who job is to assist facilities who are eligible to receive funding from Universal Service Fund. The USF Group, an affiliate of USF Healthcare Consulting, Inc. (USFHC), is a consulting and management firm serving rural healthcare providers by securing federal funding for telecommunication services. The Telecommunication Program provides funding to eligible healthcare providers for telecommunications services, including broadband, necessary for the provision of healthcare. The goal of the program is to improve the quality of healthcare available to patients in rural communities by ensuring that eligible providers have access to affordable telecommunications services. It is open mainly to public and private, non-profit providers in rural areas. Support is available for T1, Fiber, Ethernet, OC3, DS3, ISDN, PRI and MPLS and other voice-grade circuits. The funding is delivered through participating phone/Internet service providers in the form of discounts on monthly invoices. The first year the compensation is 50% of what is received by the Health Center. The second year the compensation will automatically adjust to 15%. There is a 3 year contract. This agency assists with preparing and submit requests for Federal Universal Service Fund support to USAC for all qualifying Telecommunications Services of Client and provide all associated documentation, coordination and required follow-up to obtain final approval for FUSF support for either or both the telecommunications and the healthcare connect fund.