

July 31, 2025

1. Call to Order:

The Healthcare Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Lacey Simpson at 9:00 a.m. This meeting took place in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 334 Front Street, Ketchikan, Alaska. A WebEx option was available at this location and included four participants.

2. Roll Call:

Committee Members Present:

City of Ketchikan

Lacey Simpson - Chair

Judy Zenge – City Council member

Amanda Robinson - City Asst. Public Works Director

Kim Stanker - City Clerk

PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center

Sarah Cook – Chief Administration Officer

Scott Smith – Vice Chair, Director Support Services

Tim Horton, MD – Community Health Board Member

Lori Medvid - Executive Assistant

Committee Members Absent: None

Members of the Community:

Dean Trumble

Pamela Standley

Sarah Hines

Benji

Stella White w/PeaceHealth Foundation

Kate Govaars w/PeaceHealth

Noel Rea w/RISE

3. Communications:

None

4. Persons to be Heard:

- Dean Trumble – shared personal experiences with local healthcare spanning decades.
- Pamela Standley – expressed concerns about resident rights in the Long-Term Care Facility, New Horizons.
- Laura Jackson – expressed concerns about her mother, a resident in New Horizons Transitional Care.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Following a review of the draft minutes from the April 24, 2025, Healthcare Advisory Committee meeting, and there being no objections, the committee unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

6. Old Business:

A. Same Day Clinic / NKA: Priority Care Clinic:

Sarah Cook provided the following information:

- o Same Day Clinic has been renamed to Priority Care Clinic.
- o No changes to patient access to Priority Care.
- o Current PeaceHealth patients now having access to online scheduling.

- o Operations are running smoothly with a full schedule of patients being seen on days the clinic is open.
- o Mobile Integrated Health referring patients to Priority Care.

B. Emergency Department Update:

Sarah Cook provided the following updates to the committee:

- o Phase I – Moving the CT scan to the new location: COMPLETE.
The new CT Scanner has been installed and is in operation.
- o Phase II – Lab Design and Renovation:
PeaceHealth is currently working with the State to get the Certificate of Need for the lab.
- o Phase III – Emergency Department Renovation:
Renovation can begin once the lab has been relocated.

C. Capital Projects:

Lacey Simpson addressed the committee stating representatives from PeaceHealth and the city have been in contact regarding capital projects outlined in the lease agreement.

- o Current Projects:
 - Clinic Roof Warranty Repairs – COMPLETE
- o Pending Projects:
 - Internal – Mechanical/HVAC
 - External - Roof, Windows, Siding, and Landscape

7. New Business:

A. Retention and Recruitment:

Sarah Cook provided feedback to the following:

- i. Provider turn-over/vacancies since October 2021:
 - PeaceHealth recruitment is in line with lease requirements.
 - A new Primary Care Physician has signed a letter of intent and will start in December.
- ii. Number of current traveling doctors and nurses:
 - Positions have been added outside the scope of the lease agreement.
 - A Pediatric Psychiatrist and Dermatologist coming in on a quarterly rotation.
- iii. Status of Compact for nurse licensure in Alaska:
 - The Compact did not pass early legislation.
 - The Alaska website has a link where the public can email requests in favor of compact licensure.

B. Community Interactions and Communications:

- i. Number of Comments submitted to Patient Portal and resolution status:
 - Comments and concerns are being regularly received through the patient portal.
 - PeaceHealth is following CMS guidelines for timely responses.
- ii. Policy Changes and how to communication to public:
 - Addressed in Same Day Clinic Update

Future Agenda Items:

1. Same Day Clinic – Standing Agenda Item
2. ED Renovation Update – Standing Agenda Items
3. Update to Capital Project list
4. 5-Year Lease Review coming up in October 2026
5. Emergency Department Remodel – number of rooms (Eric Blake to report back)

Comments from Healthcare Advisory Committee:

1. Judy Zenge shared concerns regarding Long-Term Care.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Healthcare Advisory Committee, Vice-Chair Simpson adjourned the meeting at 9:38AM. The next meeting of the Healthcare Advisory Committee will take place on Thursday, October 28, 2025, at 5:00pm at the Ted Ferry Civic Center.

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