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HIP 2.0 Grassroots Effort in Putnam County: Community Leaders are All In



**Putnam County
Hospital**

With the statewide effort of enrolling as many Hoosiers in HIP 2.0, [Putnam County Hospital](#) reached out to local community leaders in hopes of forming a steering committee to better reach those in Putnam County who are eligible for the program. The goal of the steering committee was to utilize leaders in Putnam County who connect with those who would be eligible on a regular basis; educating the steering committee on the program so they can go back out in the community and spread the word. The steering committee has met on a monthly basis, with the first meeting in May. Within 3 months, the committee has educated one another, not only on HIP 2.0 and what it brings to the table for our community, but other services that we can work together on to make Putnam County a healthier place to live. The Putnam County HIP 2.0 Steering Committee now has a calendar of community events where HIP 2.0 representatives and navigators will be present. The committee plans to utilize navigators from Putnam County Hospital, Johnson-Nichols Health Clinic, as well as ASPIN. While at these events, the representatives will have educational literature as well as the ability to make appointments to help the individual sign up for HIP 2.0 locally.

A few of the events that are currently on the calendar include the 4H parade, 4H fair, Chamber of Commerce HR Roundtable meeting, National Night Out, local school enrollment days, the Farmers Market, and Poverty Awareness Week events. More events are still in the planning stages.

In preparation of the upcoming events, Putnam County Hospital is in the process of promoting HIP 2.0 and the community events locally via Facebook, the website, the local newspaper, schools and literature at provider offices, hospital admissions, as well as organizations throughout Putnam County.

Putnam County recognizes how greatly the HIP 2.0 program will help so many of our hard working individuals and families. It is the steering committee's goal to educate and help enroll as many residents as possible in hopes of an even brighter, healthier future for Putnam County.

For more information on the Putnam County HIP 2.0 Steering Committee, please contact Lori Lucas, Director of Community Relations and Marketing Manager at Putnam County Hospital, at 765.655.2583 or llucas@pchosp.org.

Most "Wired" Hospitals in Indiana

Hospitals & Health Networks sponsors the annual Most Wired Survey, which is an industry-standard benchmark study. The survey is designed to measure the level of IT adoption in U.S. hospitals and health systems and is a useful tool for hospital and health system leadership to map their IT strategic plans. Health Forum, an American Hospital Association information company, distributes, collects, and analyzes the Most Wired data and develops benchmarks that are becoming the



industry standard for measuring IT adoption for operational, financial, and clinical performance in health care delivery systems.

Congratulations to the 2015 Indiana Winners!

Most Wired Hospitals in Indiana

Rush Memorial Hospital

The Most Wired Small and Rural Hospitals in Indiana

Indiana University Health Blackford Hospital

Union Hospital Clinton

Woodlawn Hospital

Perry County Memorial Hospital – Grand Opening



Conveniently located in the center of your life.

[Perry County Memorial Hospital](#) celebrated the opening of its new 117,000 square foot facility on May 21, 2015. President and CEO, Joseph Stuber, officially opened the hospital and transport of patients immediately followed. The hospital will set a new standard of quality care and will feature state-of-the-art

technology, private patient accommodations and more efficient operations. Perry County Memorial Hospital has served the community for more than 60 years and will continue to provide quality, compassionate care

close to home. The hospital will be funded by hospital operations, not taxpayer dollars. The United States Department of Agriculture is financing the project. The project is managed by the Nehemiah Group; the architect is Laughlin Millea Hillman and the contractor is Weddle Brothers Construction.



Joseph Stuber, President and CEO of Perry County Memorial Hospital, congratulated the Board of Trustees, physicians, and staff stating, "We did it!" as he officially declared the new Perry County Memorial Hospital open. The new facility is located at 8885 State Road 237, Tell City, Indiana 47586.

Cameron Hospital Appoints New CEO

It is with pleasure that the Board of Directors of [Cameron Memorial Community Hospital](#) (CMCH) announces the appointment of Connie McCahill as the new President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). McCahill's appointment will be effective June 21, 2015. McCahill will take over for Dr. David Goodwin, Board Chair, who has served in the role on an interim basis. McCahill will provide strategic direction and operational leadership for the hospital, ensuring continued quality care and customer service excellence throughout the organization.



McCahill brings over thirty years of clinical and executive health care experience to her new role. She most recently served as the Chief Operating Officer for Cameron Hospital during which time she provided leadership for all clinical and operational areas of the hospital. Prior to her time at Cameron, McCahill served in a variety of leadership roles with Memorial Hospital of South Bend. She was the Executive Director of Memorial Epworth Center and Chief Safety Officer for Memorial Hospital of South Bend. She served as Vice President of Nursing, as Executive Director of Surgical Services, Head Nurse, and Emergency Room charge nurse, and staff nurse. She also previously served as Director of Nursing for Louisville Hand Surgery,



Louisville, Kentucky. McCahill participated at the highest level of health system administration with both Cameron Hospital and Memorial Hospital of South Bend and has been actively engaged with Board activities, including strategic planning. She has also been involved in the community, serving on multiple boards and in volunteer leadership roles with health-related and community organizations. McCahill currently serves on the Steuben County YMCA Board of Directors and on the Angola Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, as well as a member of the Indiana Hospital Association Council on Quality and Patient Safety.

“Connie McCahill came to Cameron Hospital almost three years ago as our Chief Operating Officer,” said Dr. Dave Goodwin, Board Chair. “She came to Cameron with a rich background as a clinician and health care administrator. During her tenure here, she has proven to be a highly competent hospital administrator. We are very pleased she has accepted our offer to be the new President and Chief Executive Officer of Cameron Memorial Community Hospital.”

McCahill received a Diploma in Nursing from the Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, a Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University South Bend, and a Master of Science in Administration from the University of Notre Dame.

Fit and Greene



[Greene County General Hospital](#), located in Linton, Indiana, has implemented a summer fitness program this year. In partnership with local farmers' markets in Bloomfield and Linton, the hospital is hosting a walking club, as well as regular fitness classes. The program, known as *Fit and Greene*, is designed to encourage residents to visit the markets and purchase fresh foods, as well as to get out and get active. According to Linton Farmers' Market Manager, Mark Stacy, *Fit and Greene* has helped increase traffic for vendors and added activity that markets need to thrive. Classes are held once a week during the markets from May through September.



“This is really the pilot year for *Fit and Greene*, and it has been a wonderful experience so far,” said Amy Lore, PR, Marketing, and Business Development Manager for Greene County General Hospital. “We’ve seen a wonderful turn out for fitness classes, and members are walking and staying active through the week for the most part. Plus, people are showing up at the markets for the classes, which is a wonderful thing for our communities.”

Fit and Greene came about as part of the hospital's community outreach work and fits with its mission to promote healthy lifestyles. Members pay a nominal fee, which benefits the hospital's foundation, and receive a pedometer, as well as access to yoga, pilates, and zumba classes taught by certified instructors. Participation is incentivized through a monthly drawing, with prizes that include a balance ball and DVD set, a yoga mat, free class passes from instructors, and more.

“I’m very impressed with how this program is going in its first year,” said Brenda Reetz, Greene County General Hospital’s CEO. “Not only are we promoting healthy habits, we are also able to interact directly with our friends and neighbors on a regular basis. They have good things to say about the program and the hospital, and we can carry that back to our staff.”

Questions about the program can be directed to Amy Lore at amy.lore@mygcgh.org or 812-847-5223.

Communication is Key at Parkview Wabash

[Parkview Wabash Hospital](#) is among the top 59 hospitals in the country for which 90 percent or more of patients reported that their nurses “always” communicate well. The national average is 70 percent. The HCAHPS survey standing was announced in early July by Hospital Compare. The survey covers July 2013 to July 2014.



“Words cannot express how proud and excited we were to learn of this recognition,” said Cathy Wolfe, RN, Vice President, Patient Care Services, Parkview Wabash Hospital. “The credit goes to Laura Hughes, manager, Nursing Services, and her staff members for their dedication to look for and implement, ways to improve how we communicate with our patients. Our nurses have a strong understanding of how vital nurse communication is, not only for the overall patient experience, but more importantly, for positive patient outcomes.”

Community Hospital of Bremen Opens Occupational Health Center



As the manufacturing, industrial, and business sector grows in the community, so does the need for specialized occupational health services. In an effort to meet these needs, [Community Hospital of Bremen](#) will open an Occupational Health Center at 1425 W. Plymouth Street, Bremen, Indiana. The Occupational Health Center will officially open July 6 and will provide occupational health services, such as DOT physicals, drug and alcohol testing, pre-employment physicals, injury care, and other services. The Center will be open Monday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with plans to extend services.

Tricia Foster, D. O., and Pam Erickson will lead the occupational health team. Dr. Foster brings expertise and years of experience in occupational health to the Center. She is a Certified Medical Examiner and understands the unique requirements for Department of Transportation physical examinations. “I am excited to see the opening of our new facility, which will better enable us to serve Bremen and the surrounding community with high-quality occupational health care,” says Dr. Foster.

Pam Erickson, Certified Occupational Health Nurse, has spent years laying the occupational health foundation to support this project. Per Pam, “This is an amazing time for Community Hospital of Bremen to be able to assist employers in keeping them compliant and helping manage their work related injuries.”

Community Hospital of Bremen is pleased to be able to provide a stand-alone facility to meet the occupational health needs of the community.



Rush Memorial Receives HIMSS Stage 6 Award



[Rush Memorial Hospital's](#) VP of Information Technology/CIO, Jim Boyer, and President/CEO, Brad Smith, received an award recently at the Cerner Community Works Summit in Kansas City for their achievement of Stage 6 HIMSS Analytics. Stage 6 is an important indicator that the organization delivers high quality patient care with an interoperable electronic medical record in place.



U.S. Representative Luke Messer Visits Rush Memorial Hospital



United States Representative Luke Messer recently visited Rush Memorial Hospital to discuss rural health issues with the hospital's administrative team. Pictured are Karen Meyer, Gretchen Smith, Messer, Brad Smith - RMH President and CEO, Jim Boyer, Carrie Tressler, and Dennis Fogle.



Jay County Hospital Behavioral Health

[Jay County Hospital](#) is happy to announce the expansion of behavioral health services offered and, in conjunction, will be renaming LifeBridge Senior Behavioral Health Unit to *Jay County Hospital Behavioral Health*.



In response to the Jay County Hospital Community Needs Survey recently conducted, it was determined additional behavioral health services are needed in the community. To meet these needs, JCH will transition from the current inpatient geriatric psychiatric unit to a comprehensive behavioral health program.

"It's rare for a rural community to have mental health services available," stated John Gibson, Ph.D., JCH Behavioral Health program director. "It's great for this community to not have to drive miles and miles to receive the needed care."

Dave Hyatt, JCH CEO said, "Over the past several months, through the community engagement project and strategic planning, we have heard the personal stories and have seen the overwhelming data that show the need for increased behavioral health services. Our mission is to improve the health of those we serve; having a robust behavioral health program is one of the key components to improving the health of our community. JCH and our Board of Trustees are proud to expand an already great service to the community."

Inpatient services have already been expanded by transitioning the geriatric inpatient unit, which previously cared for individuals 55 years and older, to caring for adults over the age of 18. This provides inpatient mental health services “to the younger population who has different needs than the geriatric patients,” notes Dr. Samir Gamal Shaker Ishak, unit Medical Director.

Future plans also include adding an intensive outpatient therapy program (IOP) to the services provided at the hospital, along with community-based outpatient therapy. The IOP will provide adults the structure and stability of a therapy program during the day but allows them to return to their home in the evening. The community-based outpatient therapy will provide additional counseling and behavioral health services at a location still to be determined. More information will be provided as the new services are available.

For more information on services offered, call 260-726-1865.

Dr. Haggenjos Receives Doc Hollywood Award

On June 17, 2015, Dr. Mark Haggenjos was honored the **Doc Hollywood Award** by the Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) at the IRHA Annual Conference Awards Luncheon at French Lick Springs Resort and Conference Center!



The **Doc Hollywood Award** is about recognizing individuals who care professionally for folks in rural and other underserved communities across the nation. Access to quality healthcare is a key component in terms of individuals’ physical and mental health; it is also a key component in communities’ economic vitality. It is important to raise visibility and awareness about these unsung heroes, and celebrating their contributions, to ensure continued access to quality healthcare in all communities.

Dr. Mark Haggenjos came to the Jay County community in 1990, originally a part of The Office of Family Medicine (later known as Preferred Family Physicians). He began his own practice, Family Practice of Jay County, in 2001 which he still manages today.

Dr. Haggenjos personifies “rural community doctor,” not only by managing his own family practice, but also covering shifts in the Emergency Department, acting as Chief of Staff, and remaining the only OB physician in the county. He is also the Chief Medical Information Officer and has been a driving force in the implementation of the JCH EMR (Electronic Medical Records).

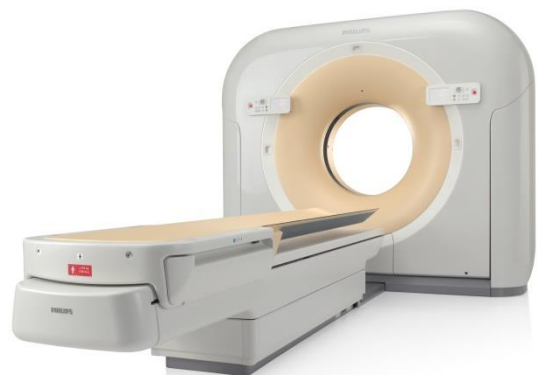
Dr. Haggenjos is well respected by his peers, the staff, and the administration of Jay County Hospital. His calm demeanor puts everyone at ease, and his leadership ensures the best patient outcomes.

Along with dedicating countless hours to his patients and the hospital, he supports various local charitable causes and events in the community.

Congratulations to Dr. Mark Haggenjos on being rewarded the 2015 IRHA **Doc Hollywood Award!**

Jay County Hospital CT Scanner

[Jay County Hospital](#) (JCH) is continuing to provide first-class service and care. JCH is the first rural hospital in the area with the state-of-the-art technology of a 128-slice CT scanner. The new CT Scanner offers improved image quality, faster scan times, and lower radiation. With this new technology, Jay County Hospital has the ability to offer more advanced, life-saving tests and scans. JCH is now offering Heart Healthy CT Scans for \$50 for individuals 50 years or older with any of



the risk factors, such as a family history of heart disease, smoking/tobacco use, diabetes, obesity, inactive lifestyle, high cholesterol, and high blood pressure. A Heart Healthy scan is a 15-minute, non-invasive scan that gives a clearer picture of your heart and arteries to detect early warning signs of heart disease.

Jay County Hospital Family Growing

[Jay County Hospital](#) and the Jay County Hospital (JCH) Board of Trustees recently welcomed Dr. Stephen Myron and Family Nurse Practitioner, Carol Keihn, to the Jay County Hospital family.



Over the past several months, JCH has been working with Bluffton Regional Medical Center (BRMC) and The Lutheran Health Network to transition Dr. Myron and Carol Keihn to the JCH Family. Both JCH and BRMC feel that this initiative is in the best interest of Jay County residents and patients. JCH and BRMC will continue to work together in the future on initiatives that better the health of Jay County residents.



Dr. Stephen Myron



Carol Keihn

Dr. Myron and Carol Keihn joined Dr. Frank Vormohr and Dr. Jerry Whetzel in the Jay Family Medicine (JFM) practice. At the same time, JFM relocated from the Jay County Medical Facility (Vormohr Building) to 430 West Votaw St. (Dr. Myron's current building) effective June 1.

Dr. Myron has been instrumental to the long-term success of Jay County Hospital. He has been a lifelong Jay County resident and member of the JCH medical staff since 1979 serving in multiple officer roles, including Chief of Staff. Dr. Myron also started the full-time physician Emergency Department coverage in 1980, something which was quite rare in rural areas at the time. Dr. Myron established his first primary care practice in 1982, which has grown to what we now know as Preferred Physicians. Dr. Myron has also been an instructor for Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) for over 25 years and has over 30,000 hours of Emergency Department experience.

Keihn received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1997 and Master of Science in Nursing in 2002 from Ball State University (BSU). In July of 2010, she received her Family Nurse Practitioner Post Master's Certificate also from BSU. She is a board certified FNP through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). She previously worked at Ball State University as a Registered Nurse (RN) instructor from 2002-2010 and Ball Memorial Hospital as a RN from 1997-2010. In August 2010, she began working with Bluffton Regional as a FNP until the present.



Dr. Frank Vormohr



Dr. Jerry Whetzel

Dr. Vormohr, also a lifelong Jay County resident, has been a member of the JCH medical staff since 1988. He has served in various positions at JCH, most recently a member of the Medical Executive Committee and Performance Improvement Medical Director.

Dr. Whetzel joined the JCH medical staff in 2000 and currently serves as the Medical Director of the JCH LifeBridge unit and Cardiac Rehab program. Dr. Whetzel has also lead many public health improvement initiatives in his role as the Jay County Health Officer.

Uniting these strong practices on the hospital campus represents a significant strategic initiative for Jay County Hospital and a step forward for the health care provided to the community. Two strong practices are combining in order to enhance the community's access to high-quality medical care.

Cardiac rehab was also relocated at the same time as JFM. Physical Therapy (PT) and the Specialty Referral Clinic (SRC) will remain at the Vormohr Building while space constraints and strategic options regarding the long-term plan for bringing these critical service lines to the hospital campus are evaluated.

Cancer Services Opens Satellite Office at Parkview LaGrange

Fort Wayne-based Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana has been providing important resources to cancer patients in Indiana since the mid-1940. In 2006, in response to requests from the medical community, Cancer Services expanded their outreach to eleven counties in northeast Indiana. In 2015, with the support of Community Health Improvement funding from Parkview LaGrange Hospital, Cancer Services has opened its first, permanent posting outside Allen County.

“We are very proud to be Cancer Services first satellite office,” said Rob Myers, president of [Parkview LaGrange Hospital](#). “This is exactly the type of partnership our community health improvement program is meant to support – a fellow non-profit agency that brings a rich array of services to our community that we are unable to provide.”



Laura Markham, patient advocate, Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana and Rob Myers, president, Parkview LaGrange Hospital, discuss the resources available through Cancer Services.

Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana’s mission is to enhance the quality of life of those affected by cancer by providing meaningful resources, information and compassionate assistance. Last year, the organization assisted more than 2,600 local clients and families with counseling, educational workshops, exercise and massage therapy, transportation assistance, durable medical equipment loans, home health care supplies, and financial assistance.

Each Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., one of two client advocates from Cancer Services will be available at Parkview LaGrange to talk with cancer patients about their needs and how Cancer Services can help fulfill them, free of charge. The client advocates are located in the Specialty Clinic space.

advocates will gladly help any cancer patient access our services and resources, regardless where the patient receives their medical care or where they are in their cancer journey,” Haffner added.

Among the resources Cancer Services has available are wigs, hospital beds, commodes, nutritional supplement, an extensive library of books to be borrowed, therapeutic massage for cancer patients and their caregivers, and much, much more, most of which are free of charge. If you or someone you know, has a cancer diagnosis and needs support, contact Cancer Services toll free at (866) 484-9560 to schedule a meeting with a client advocate.

Each year, Parkview LaGrange Hospital has a Community Health Improvement (CHI) fund that is set aside to support not-for-profit agencies in LaGrange County that share our mission to provide access to quality health care services and to help improve the health and well-being of our community. Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana is one of the partnerships that is funded, in part, by the CHI program.

“We are pleased to be able to provide assistance, not only to people living in LaGrange, but those in neighboring counties like Noble and Steuben,” said Marsha Haffner, M.S. Ed., director of clinical services, Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana. “Our