

Health Care Happenings

A Pueblo Community Health Center Update

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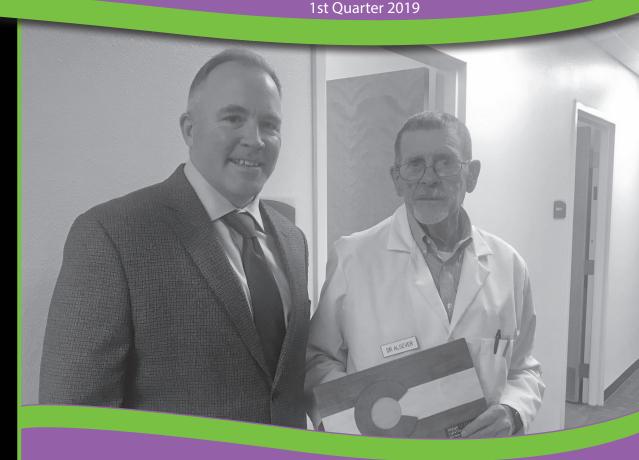
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Congratulations Dr. Nick Alsever

With 16 years of volunteer service to our patients, PCHC is pleased to announce that Dr. Robert N. Alsever was selected for the 2019 National Health Center Week Volunteer Clinician Award. Additionally, he was selected by the Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) Public Affairs Committee to receive the Volunteer Clinician Community Health Champion Award. This recognition is for the entire state of Colorado. Dr. Alsever was honored during the CCHN Policy and Issues Forum in Denver on February 6, 2019 for his dedicated service to the medically underserved.

"Dr. Alsever's volunteerism has been to the benefit of hundreds of our patients in need of quality care. The diabetic care we can provide with his specialty expertise is invaluable to our patients and medical staff. We can't thank him enough. I want everyone to also know that he's a lot of fun to work with as well. The staff admires and loves him," said Donald Moore, PCHC CEO.

An asset to the Pueblo community since arriving in 1974, Dr. Alsever's volunteerism began at the then-newly minted Southern Colorado Family Medicine Residency Program, a safety-net provider serving low income populations. There, he cared for all patients, regardless of their ability to pay. He also taught and precepted many medical students and residents over his tenure. Advocacy for those in need of diabetes education has been his passion since the beginning of his career. Dr. Alsever is retired from private practice but maintains active clinical privileges at Parkview Medical Center and PCHC.

Thank you, Dr. Alsever, for providing expert diabetic care available to our patients who might otherwise not have access to the services of an Endocrinologist.

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Letter from the CEO

Dear Friends,

You may have heard that PCHC recently purchased the east side Safeway property, and I want our supporters to have additional details.

Safeway's owners, Albertsons, chose to shutter this store November 2016, and put it on the market January 2017. Despite significant efforts by community leaders to solicit a new grocery operator, one could not be attracted. I attended community meetings advocating for a new grocery store. Elected officials made numerous inquiries and invitations which did not yield an interested operator. In the end, Pueblo's east side was faced with another eye sore and non-productive, community asset.

PCHC made an inquiry about the property in the spring of 2017 but there was no action by Albertsons until summer 2018 when it conducted a bidding process for prospective buyers. The

PCHC Board approved its bid in August and PCHC was selected the first week of September. We closed on the property February 13, 2019.

I contacted elected officials and community leaders the same day we took possession of the property. All the feedback has been positive, and I really enjoyed hearing the responses which affirmed that PCHC's mission is needed more than ever.

We have begun planning our next steps. Staff is forming teams to work on design, financing, fundraising and communications. The process began immediately after closing and we have already completed our engineering studies.

Investing in this property will expand access to quality primary care, PCHC will make a significant investment in Pueblo's east side, and I look forward to building goodwill and a modern facility that will enable our mission for future decades.

Thank you for your support,

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Donald Moore, CEO

Pueblo Community Health Center

Giving to PCHC Changes Lives

For 36 years, PCHC has served the health care needs of the people of Pueblo and Huerfano counties, regardless of a patient's ability to pay. If you choose to contribute, it enables us to continue to offer expanded services that include primary medical, dental, behavioral health, and pharmacy services. If you want to help us perpetuate our mission, we invite you to make a contribution to Pueblo Community Health Center Foundation.

All funds raised will be allocated to our Foundation for future health center needs. Any donation is appreciated and no gift is too small. Your support will make a difference in the lives of the people who trust their health needs to our providers.

If you would like to learn more about naming opportunities or planning for larger gifts, please contact Laura Kelly, Chief Development and Foundation Officer at (719) 543-8718 x 152 or email lkelly@pueblochc.org. Thank you for caring about those in need.



Meet Dr. Claire Reed

Years with PCHC: I joined PCHC November of 2018

What you do at PCHC: I am the Chief Medical Officer

Where are you from: I was born in Malawi, lived in Canada, Australia, South Africa before moving to the US.

Where did you go to school? College and Med School in Texas

Hobbies/Interests: I am an avid reader, like to spend time with my family. I scrapbook, hand letter, barely knit and enjoy walks in the Colorado sunshine

Favorite food/restaurant: Chocolate-is that a food? Mexican and sushi

Favorite movies: The Pink Panther Strikes Again, Princess Bride, anything Monty Python

Favorite music/band: 80s rock, AC/DC is top of the list

Favorite place to vacation: Anywhere quiet

Most surprising talent: I played keyboard in a band in medical school

Most rewarding aspect of your job: Helping clinicians find joy in practice while providing the best patient care

Anything else you'd like to add? We are excited to move to Colorado and I look forward to my career with PCHC

Pueblo County Diabetes Statistics*

9.1%

Diabetes prevalence in Pueblo County. The highest in Colorado.

23%

Of the 12,600 patients with diabetes in Pueblo County are seen by a PCHC provider.



2,841

Number of patients seen at PCHC with Diabetes.

30%

Of the patients with diabetes seen by PCHC do not have their condition under control.



*Source Pueblo County Data 2017 community data report





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Colorado Avenue Clinic 300 Colorado Avenue Pueblo, Colorado 81004

Pharmacy & Administrative Services (Patient Registration, Patient Accounts & Human Resources) 110 East Routt Avenue Pueblo, Colorado 81004 (719) 476-0214 (Pharmacy)

> Park Hill Clinic & Pharmacy 1302 East 5th Street Pueblo, Colorado 81001 (719) 476-0220 (Pharmacy)

O'Rourke Dental Clinic 2030 Lake Avenue Pueblo, Colorado 81004

Avondale Clinic 328 Avondale Boulevard Avondale, Colorado 81022

Grand Avenue Clinic 1008 North Grand Avenue Pueblo, Colorado 81003

Centennial High School-Based Wellness Center 2525 Mountview Drive Pueblo, Colorado 81008

Central High School-Based Wellness Center 216 East Orman Avenue Pueblo, Colorado 81004

East High School-Based Wellness Center 9 MacNeil Road Pueblo, Colorado 81001

Pueblo County High School-Based Wellness Center 1050 35th Lane Pueblo, Colorado 81006

Risley International School-Based Wellness Center 625 Monument Avenue Pueblo, Colorado 81001

Pueblo Community College The Student Health Clinic 900 West Orman Avenue, MT 118 Pueblo, Colorado 81004

Walsenburg OB Clinic 129 Kansas Avenue Walsenburg, Colorado 81089

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