



# Health Care Happenings

A Pueblo Community Health Center Update

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## East side expansion underway

Have you heard the news? Pueblo Community Health Center (PCHC) is growing its presence on the east side of the city. In February 2019, property at the corner of East 8<sup>th</sup> and LaCrosse streets was purchased and the dream of constructing a new, state-of-the-art health care facility to better serve the community was realized. The primary goals of this project are to assure long-term access to quality integrated primary health care and to contribute to the revitalization of the east side neighborhood. PCHC estimates that an additional 5,000 patients will be served at the new location over the next 10 years.

With planning and design currently underway, construction is expected to begin by mid-year 2020. The anticipated completion and occupancy of the site are 2021. The facility, at approximately 60,000 square feet, will house primary medical, behavioral, and dental care services in addition to a patient pharmacy and laboratory. All services currently being offered at the Park Hill clinic (located at 1302 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street at the corner of East 4<sup>th</sup> and LaCrosse Streets) will be relocated to the new site.

Pueblo Community Health Center is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization that serves Pueblo County as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Most insurance is accepted (including Health First Colorado/Medicaid and Medicare). As an FQHC, patients who have no other health benefits can be seen at PCHC on a sliding fee basis. PCHC has 13 health care clinics and provided care for 25,858 patients in 2018. Projections for 2019 patients seen exceed 27,000.

For more information or to donate to the east side project please contact Laura Kelly at 719-543-8711.

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## Letter from the CEO

Dear Friends,

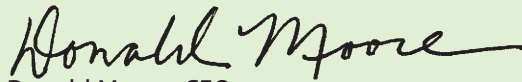
Universal health care is getting a lot of attention in the Democratic Party Presidential debates. I have found that the term "universal" can have many different meanings. For some it connotes government run health care, and for others it may mean health insurance for everyone. I am not sure how things will shake out with respect to health care policy in 2020 and beyond, but I am confident that people in our community will always need affordable access to a health care provider they can trust.

And, it appears that the need for access is going to continue to grow. PCHC is seeing year-over-year increases in the number of patients served. As the percentage of our citizens over the age of 65 increases, health care utilization will trend upward. Primary care provider shortages, population growth, and rising chronic disease rates makes appointment wait times longer. The desire to control health care costs puts a premium on our community having adequate primary care.

PCHC has two facility projects, the aims of which are to keep up with the growing need. One project (just completed in November) is the renovation of the 2nd floor of the Colorado Avenue Clinic to add space for five additional primary care providers. This additional capacity will enable PCHC to care for up to 5,000 more patients. The other project is a longer term effort, which is to build a larger, replacement facility for Park Hill Clinic on Pueblo's east side. Our plan is to build space that will enable 5,000 additional patients to be served in the new clinic over 10 years. We also believe we will have unfinished space in the new site that will enable future growth for the neighborhood. Detailed plans should be finalized by spring 2020.

I applaud our Board and management team for this long-term fore-sight. It assures that PCHC is contributing to the quality of life in Pueblo by planning for access to affordable, high quality primary care for decades to come.

Thank you for your support,



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 the east side expansion. 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](mailto:lkelly@pueblochc.org). Thank you for caring about those in need and investing in Pueblo's east side.

## *Mission*

Since 1983, Pueblo Community Health Center has provided primary care to those in need



# Meet Rick Montanari

**Years with PCHC:** 21

**What you do at PCHC:** Facilities Manager

**Where are you from:** Pueblo

**Where did you go to school?** USC

**Hobbies/Interests:** Reading service manuals

**Favorite food/restaurant:** Green chile – a day without chile is like a day without beer

**Favorite movie:** Citizen Kane

**Favorite music/band:** J S Bach

**Favorite place to vacation:** Jamaica

**Most surprising talent:** My ability to recognize the absurd

**Most rewarding aspect of your job:** Working with a committed team of professionals who consistently exceed all national standards in every department.



## Locations

**(719) 543-8711**

**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

**Chávez/Huerta K-12  
Preparatory Academy School-Based  
Wellness Center**  
2727 West 18th Street  
Pueblo, Colorado 81003

**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

**Administration & Foundation**  
112 East Pitkin Avenue  
Pueblo, Colorado 81004

## Park Hill Clinic Statistics

as of October 2019



**Space:** 17,686 ft<sup>2</sup>



**Total Employees:** 55



### Medical Health

**Individual Patients Served:** 5,828  
**Total Patient Visits:** 14,453



### Behavioral Health

**Individual Patients Served:** 547  
**Total Patient Visits:** 2,506

## Vision

To be the primary health care provider of choice in Pueblo County by providing top quality care through accessibility, leadership and financial independence



# Pueblo Community Health Center

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