



Education and Activities

For information call, ext.7074 or 7283

September 9 -- Workplace Violence – The Active Shooter

7:30 am & 2:00 pm; Each Session will last 60 minutes. Behavioral Health Pavilion Café. CEU Credit available.

September 10 -- Workplace Violence – The Active Shooter

7:30 am & 12 Noon; Each Session will last 60 minutes. Location: Education Classroom 3. CEU Credit available.

September 14 – Adolescent and Adult Suicide: Addressing, Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Speaker: Barri Faucett, Project Director, Adolescent Suicide Prevention and Early Intervention (ASPEN). Location: The Behavioral Health Pavilion. To register or for more information, call Connie Cochran at 304-431-5031.

September 13, 14, 15, 16 -- Diabetes Education Class. 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Location: Education classroom 3.

September 24 -- ACLS Recertification Class. 7:45 am – 5:30 pm. Location:

Education classroom 3.

September 27 -- Healthcare CPR Class

Each class takes 3 ½ hours. Class times: 7:30 am, 12:30 pm and 5:00 pm. Location: Education Classroom 3.

Thanks for Helping Our Community

The PCH food drive for Tender Mercies and Bluefield Union Mission pantries was a huge success. Eighteen boxes full of food were collected. Both organizations were extremely appreciative of the amount of food they received especially during a “slow time” for food donations. Rita Woods said, “We are extremely proud of this cumulative effort of our PCH family. It was truly awesome to see the amount of food we collected in such a short period of time. Thank you to everyone for your concern and compassion to help meet a specific need in our community and for helping turn a simple idea into a huge success.” Special thanks to Bob Burton and Materials Management for providing the collection boxes, and to Danny Mitchem, and Plant Operations for picking up the boxes and bringing them to the distribution point.

New Employees - Why They Chose PCH

At a recent new employee orientation CEO Wayne Griffith asked why they chose to work at PCH. One person related that her mother was cared for here upon a sudden diagnosis of cancer and was so impressed with the care her mother received that she “knew she had to work here”. Another new employee related having such a wonderful experience during nursing clinicals that it impacted her decision to choose to work here. Both of these new employees had worked at other facilities. Thank you to all PCH staff, physicians and Volunteers who contribute directly and indirectly to the care of our patients. You make a positive difference each and every day.

Electrical Switchgear Testing

Kevin Graham, Director of Plant Operations has announced that **electrical switchgear testing** will begin Tuesday, September 7. “This year, our testing process will be an expanded schedule, which will extend the project and vary times of disruption for departments. Department managers will have the time frames, duration, and projected schedule as well as any advance preparations departments will need to make. The **electrical switchgear testing** will begin on Tuesday evening, September 7, at 6:00 p.m. and conclude on Thursday evening, September 16. On September 7 there will be no AEP (normal) power available throughout the facility from 6:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning. Only red receptacles will have power. Elevators will continue to operate. Wednesday and Thursday, the normal power outages will be localized as has been consistent with previous projects. We will not test on Friday or Saturday evenings. Testing will continue on Sunday evening, September 12 at 8:00 p.m. Key departments that are impacted include OR, Information Services, ICU, CCU, Women’s Center, General Chemistry, ER and Medical Imaging. For more information, contact your manager.



Get to Know

Christopher Hanley, MD
Psychiatrist

Joined the hospital in: August 2010

Birthday: July 25

Family: Wife Eva, Daughter Helena, and our dog, Charley

Job responsibilities include: Psychiatrist for The Behavioral Health Pavilion of The Virginias. Will see patients 14 years and older on an outpatient basis and will provide care for adult and geriatric inpatients.

How I help PCH to be the best place for patient care:
Placing patient care first.

When I was a child, I wanted to grow up to be:
Famous

Favorite candy bar:
Snickers

Favorite toy as a child:
Leggos

Favorite “toy” today:
Mountain Bike

My first job was:
Newspaper Delivery Boy

Something few people know about me:
I grow hot peppers and make my own hot sauce.

What I do to have fun:
Spend time with family, play sports, and read books.

How I represent Princeton Community Hospital in the community:
I just moved here, but I hope to represent a spirit of compassion and caring.

Whooping Cough is a Bad Bug.

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) infections have been in the news lately due to increasing numbers of infants, young children, and even adults that are being identified as having infection with the Pertussis bug. With the recent outbreaks and current infections in our area, Infection Prevention and Control, Employee Health, and clinical managers will be working together to provide information about the disease and the need for vaccination to protect our patients, families and staff.

Pertussis is a highly contagious respiratory tract infection caused by the bacterium *Bordetella pertussis*. Pertussis is characterized by spasms of severe coughing (paroxysms). These spasms are continuous without breath until the end and are often followed by the characteristic inspiratory “whoop” and/or post-spasm vomiting. Pertussis may occur among persons at any age, although infants less than a year old have the highest rate of reported disease. *B. pertussis* is transmitted from person to person through droplets produced from a cough or sneeze or by direct contact with secretions from the respiratory tract of infectious persons.

To combat Pertussis the Tdap vaccine is offered to all PCH employees **FREE** through Employee Health in ED Minor. The vaccine is recommended for all adults between 19 and 64 as a substitute for your routine tetanus vaccine booster. It is strongly recommended for those adults that will have contact with infants under 12 months old since immunity to pertussis decreases over the years and adults are the primary source of infant infections. The vaccine is also strongly recommended for health care workers for the protection of our infants and families as well as the families of our employees. To get the **FREE Tdap vaccine**, contact ED Minor to make sure the vaccine is in stock and to check the wait time to receive the vaccine.

Additional information on Pertussis and the Tdap vaccine is available from the Infection Prevention and Control Department, the West Virginia State Department of Health at www.wvidep.org, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov.