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at PPHH.

"I spent the last 24 years working in a critical care facility in a rural setting. It was a similar-sized hospital, with 21 beds and a critical care facility, with home health services and an ER. So there were many similarities," he said.

Hawkins said he is very appreciative of the efforts of his predecessor and hopes to continue

Yecny's example in a number of areas. Most importantly, he wants to keep open the lines of communication between PPHH and the community.

"Rick's done a great job communicating with the community and we need to stay connected to our community. We can't accomplish our mission inside the four walls of this hospital," Hawkins said. "We need to get out and network, and let people know where

we were 12 months ago, where we will be in 12 months, and hear what people have to say about the work we are doing."

Over the past years, PPHH has put in place a number of community care initiatives that have extended the organization's reach into the community. Some efforts have been in fields that are considered non-traditional, and these in particular have been embraced by the public.

One of those is the Points of

Grace acupuncture program at the Wellspring Clinic. The clinic and its service providers, Dr. Mark Immel and Patricia Immel, L.Ac., receive funding support from PPHH. The program sees dozens of clients weekly.

Additionally, a new joint venture between PPHH and Western Lane Ambulance District is set to begin.

PPHH funded and began the Community Paramedic Program, which Yecny believes will be a major benefit to patients.

The new paramedic program is designed to allow individuals that have recently been released from the hospital to have direct access to a certified EMT in their home environment.

"A lot of times, when patients are released with a nonmedical necessity, they can still be frail, have fall risks at home or they may not understand their medication instructions. It could be as simple as they live alone and they can't cook for themselves, so we can then connect them with Meals on Wheels," Yecny said.

This new service will be less demanding for older patients, perhaps saving them a return trip to the hospital. It also allows for another person with medical training to interact with a recovering individual.

"We have hired someone for the Community Paramedic program," Yecny said. "We and the ambulance district helped interview for that position. A highly qualified candidate, Chris Martin, was hired. He will be orienting and educating for the next month or two, getting fully ready for duty."

PPHH has also added to its primary care staff in the last few months, addressing a shortage that has caused some clients to wait for extended periods before being assigned a doctor.

That situation should no longer exist, according to Hawkins.

"The list of individuals waiting for a primary care physician is getting shorter and we are working hard to get everyone assigned a physician," he said.

One of the overlooked aspects

of the work done at PPHH is the important role played by members of the community who volunteer at the facility. These contributions can go unnoticed by patients, who are often focused on their own situation, but the need for these special individuals is ongoing.

"We have over 120 volunteers in our volunteer group at the hospital and they do everything from sitting at the front desk to driving a van around campus to delivering our mail to working with our hospice program," Yecny said.

The two men clearly have a similar vision and recognition of the unique nature of the area and its residents. Most importantly, both share an appreciation for the important role their organization plays in the Florence community, and they appear to share a commitment to provide high-quality health services to their clients.

Hawkins seems genuinely excited about the future and the challenges he will face moving forward.

"One of the reasons I was drawn here was that I could see this trifecta between the community, PPHH and the health network in Oregon, and I wanted to be a part of that," Hawkins said. "The community has supported this hospital in the past by coming here and trusting us with their care, so we want to stay connected and continue to improve the services we provide."

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor's campus is at 400 Ninth St. in Florence, and its phone number is 541-997-8412.

The walk-in clinic at the campus is open from 6:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids will be received by Daniel Hurley, Waste Management Division Manager, at the Office of the Department of Public Works, Waste Management Division, 3100 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene, Oregon, until **10:00:00 A.M., local time, THURSDAY, November 30, 2017**, at which time and place they will be opened for the following project:

**Contract No. 17/18-01  
Florence Transfer Station Tipping Floor Repairs  
Lane County November 2017**

The approximate quantities are: Approximately 36 CY of structural concrete overlay, 190 square feet of AR 400 3/8" metal sheet and associated steel materials. Estimated cost range: \$71,000 to \$79,000.

A portion of the bidding information is available through Lane County's Website at [http://apps.lanecounty.org/pw\\_plan/Projects.aspx?](http://apps.lanecounty.org/pw_plan/Projects.aspx?) (select "2017 Projects"). Information available on the website includes: Invitation for Bids, Plan Holders List, Plans and Special Provisions, Addendums, and Bid Results, but does not include the Bid Booklet required for submitting a bid.

Plans and specifications may be reviewed at the Lane County Waste Management Central Receiving Station between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, on or after **November 8, 2017**. Interested parties may obtain printed copies of the plans and specifications for a non-refundable \$35.00 charge for each set. Only bidding documents (Bid Booklet) obtained directly from Lane County Department of Public Works office may be used to submit bids.

Bidders must obtain the Bid Booklet required for submitting a bid directly from the Department of Public Works Customer Service Center or from the Reception Desk at the Central Transfer Station, Glenwood, either in person or by calling 541-682-3882. Only a Bid Booklet obtained directly from Lane County Department of Public Works may be used to submit a bid.

Lane County will not consider a bid for a public improvement contract unless the bidder is licensed by the Construction Contractors Board or the State Landscape Contractors Board.

This project does not require the Contractor or subcontractor to be licensed under ORS 468A.720 for asbestos abatement.

Prevailing wage rates for public works contracts in Oregon are required for this project pursuant to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870. The Contractor shall pay each worker in each trade or occupation employed to perform any work under the contract not less than the existing State (BOLI) prevailing wage rate. Lane County will not consider a bid unless the bid contains a statement by the bidder that the bidder will comply with ORS 279C.838 and ORS 279C.840.

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Pursuant to ORS 279C.505(2), Lane County's performance under this contract is conditioned upon the Contractor's compliance and warranty that a Drug Testing Program will be maintained for its employees.

Lane County may reject a bid that does not comply with prescribed public contracting procedures and requirements, including the requirement to demonstrate the bidder's responsibility under ORS 279C.375(3)(b), and the County may reject for good cause all bids after finding that doing so is in the public interest.

**All envelopes must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside showing the name of the bidder, name of the project, contract number and the word "BID".**

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