

Environment of Care Program Piedmont Geriatric Hospital Burkeville, Virginia 23922

Environmental Policy Statement:

Piedmont Geriatric Hospital's (PGH) mission is to provide recovery based mental health services to enable the elderly to thrive in the community. In keeping with this mission and responsibilities, PGH's Environment of Care should use its organization strengths to help advance State and Federal environmental policies. Thus, it is the policy and practice of the PGH Campus to:

- Plan, design, construct and maintain facilities that meet customer needs while proactively protecting, conserving, restoring and enhancing important natural and man-made resources.
- Seek opportunities to cooperatively advance Federal, State and local environmental policies, programs and objectives as part of the PGH's Environment of Care work through close and systematic coordination with the public and concerned agencies and groups.
- Demonstrate leadership by setting the example and being a role model in development and implementation of improved methods for environmental protection, pollution prevention, and enhancement.
- Employ safe and appropriate measures to ensure that project designs reflect community values as understood through proactive outreach with agency stakeholders.
- Comply with applicable laws, regulations and requirements.
- Provide training to our staff and those that work on behalf of PGH to ensure the highest level of proficiency and awareness associated with the environmental management system operations at PGH.

The goal of this policy is to formally incorporate an environmental ethic into PGH's Environment of Care processes in order to reach the following expectations:

- Protect and improve water and air quality
- Reduce the use of nonrenewable energy resources
- Promote energy efficient transportation in all modes
- Reduce and eliminate PGH's Campus generated waste
- Reuse and recycle materials
- Reduce or eliminate hazardous substance use
- Clean up the PGH's Environment of Care related contamination where appropriate
- Preserve and enhance historic and cultural resources
- Protect and enhance wildlife habitat
- Enhance the visual, aesthetic and natural character of the PGH's Campus

➤ Enhance pollution prevention awareness/strategies

Communication and continuous improvement will be maintained and evaluated by PGH's Environment of Care Physical Plant Services, which meets monthly or as mutually agreed upon, with their DEQ counterparts to discuss progress under this policy. We will communicate this policy and our commitment to environmental quality to our employees, our customers, vendors and our community