

## **Piedmont Geriatric Hospital Facility Overview**

Piedmont Geriatric Hospital (PGH) is a 135-bed psychogeriatric hospital, operated by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services (DBHDS). It is the only Virginia state facility that exclusively treats elderly persons (65+ years of age) who are in need of inpatient treatment for mental illness; meet the requirements for voluntary or involuntary admission as determined by their mental health center (CSB) and do not have a medical condition that requires priority treatment in an acute care hospital. The hospital has been accredited since 1985 by the national accrediting agency, The Joint Commission. Our mission is to provide recovery based MH services to enable the elderly to thrive in the community.

PGH serves the Cities of Alexandria, Arlington, Charlottesville, Colonial Heights, Danville, Emporia, Fairfax, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Hopewell, Petersburg, Richmond and South Boston and the Counties of Albemarle, Amelia, Brunswick, Buckingham, Caroline, Charles City, Charlotte, Chesterfield, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Goochland, Greene, Greensville, Halifax, Hanover, Henrico, King George, Loudoun, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Mecklenburg, Nelson, New Kent, Nottoway, Orange, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince George, Prince William, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Surry and Sussex.

Our Vision and leadership philosophy for the hospital is to be recognized as a leader in the treatment of the mentally ill elderly, as a model facility, a teaching center, and a resource for other facilities. It will be seen as an indispensable component of the state system of community-based services, and as the most efficient provider of psychogeriatric services. All patients, employees and visitors deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, and courtesy.

### **Piedmont Geriatric Institute**

Located within the hospital grounds is the Piedmont Geriatric Institute. It is the mission of Piedmont Geriatric Institute to provide resources which can be used in delivering training and consultation to those who care for the elderly in various community settings. It provides an outreach function through which individuals and organizations may request information and training, and benefit from the unique staff talents and skills that are available in a geriatric hospital.

#### **SERVICES:**

1. Provide resources for training those who work with the elderly in community settings.
2. Deliver educational activities for elderly community residents.
3. Design training programs and materials that can be used in training those who care for the elderly.

4. Provide assistance to community agencies in support of their training efforts.
5. Conduct workshops and training activities.
6. Evaluate the results of training.

## Support Staff and Infrastructure

PGH maintains a staff of 469 to support the 135 bed hospital, and routinely delivers training and consultation to 128 patients. The facility is located on 115 acres of land in Nottoway County is shared by the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation (VCBR) which has a total staff of 358. There are approximately 105 acres of open space which includes 2 ponds that approximately 10 acres and 7.67 acres of wetlands. There are 2.48 miles of impervious roadway surface and 85,000 square feet of parking areas. The facility infrastructure includes 39 structures, with only 12 being occupied. There are 3 high pressure steam boilers with 2 fired by petroleum and 1 fired by wood. Steam is generated to supply heat for all buildings and kitchen services. Wastewater treatment capacity is provided by the Department of Corrections which is located directly across highway 460. There are 24 vehicles used to support operations such as maintaining buildings and transportation of patients to doctor appointments. A maintenance shop services these vehicles and a physical plant department maintains buildings and grounds.