

Aspirus Ironwood completes Phase 2 of renovations

IRONWOOD — Aspirus Ironwood Hospital recently completed Phase 2 of its multi-phased renovation project, according to a press release on Monday.

Phase 2 comprised of a full renovation of the intensive care unit, including three ICU patient rooms, two medical-surgical patient rooms with ADA-compliant bathrooms and showers, according to the release.

Work also included a nurses' station with sit-to-stand workstations, patient lifts that can accommodate individuals up to 600 pounds, and a new mechanical system that provides isolation capability for all five intensive care suites, said the release, adding "this new system provides an environment that protects the building structure, creates safe and healthy surroundings, and offers optimal heating, cooling and ventilation."

"We are thrilled to open up our newly renovated ICU," said Paula Chermiside, Chief Administrative Officer for Aspirus Ironwood Hospital. "This renovation was focused on patient comfort and safety, efficiency, and enhancing our quality of care."

In July, Aspirus Ironwood Hospital completed Phase 1 of its renovation

project. It included a refresh of the medical-surgical patient rooms and of the waiting rooms, and the introduction of a new delivery room for expecting moms complete with an ADA-compliant bathroom and walk-in shower. Phase 1 also included the addition of a fluoroscopy machine in Imaging, which was installed and completed in Fall 2022.

Work continues on service areas including the addition of swing bed and physical therapy programs. The Swing Bed program is a short-term, skilled-care program designed to help patients rehab before returning home. This renovation enhances privacy, workflow, and patient care.

As part of Aspirus Health's long-range facility plan, the Aspirus Ironwood campus previously received upgrades to its emergency department, lab, pharmacy, clinic/walk-in, physical rehabilitation, and medical oncology. The obstetrical unit was also upgraded with support from the Aspirus Ironwood

Auxiliary, said the release.

Future phases of renovations and upgrades are in the planning stages as

are other building infrastructure needs to be addressed in the coming year, said the release.

Meeting Notice Region 13B Rural Task Force

A meeting of the Region 13B Rural Task Force will be held 11:00 A.M. Eastern, 10:00 A.M. Central, Thursday, December 14, 2023, at the Ontonagon County Road Commission office, 415 Spar Street, Ontonagon, MI 49953.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review and discuss transportation improvement projects funded with federal transportation dollars (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) and state economic development funds (TEDF Category D) for fiscal years 2024 – 2028. Projects eligible for funding include transit capital projects and road/bridge construction on roads within Gogebic, Iron and Ontonagon Counties, which are located outside the urbanized area. The road must be classified as rural minor collector or higher.

The Task Force is comprised of one MDOT member, three members from each county representing the road commission, cities and villages under 5,000 population, and the area transit provider.

Written comments may be submitted at least two days prior to the County Road Commission in the affected county, WUPPDR Regional Commission, 400 Quincy St, Hancock, MI 49930 or emailed to srouser@wuppdr.org



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