

# New Campus-Wide Nutrition Service Department at PMC

In an effort to improve quality, enhance efficiency and facilitate greater collaboration within our organization, the two Nutrition Services Departments at Porter Hospital and at Helen Porter Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center are being consolidated into a single, campus-wide PMC Nutritional Services Department as of Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The department will be led by the new **PMC Nutrition Services Director**, George Schreck, in concert with Laura Brace, who has been appointed as the new **PMC Director of Operations for Nutrition Services** and Will Endres, who will be the campus wide **Nutrition Services Supervisor**.

These three experienced and talented leaders will work closely together to advance excellence and efficiency in the delivery of meals for our patients, our residents, our staff and our visitors at both the hospital and HPHRC.

George Schreck comes to Porter with more than 20 years of experience as a nutrition services manager, private chef and restaurant owner. Most recently, he served as the Executive Chef and Dining Services Director at The Lodge at Otter Creek in Middlebury, where he oversaw all meal services for a 175 person community and supervised a staff of 25 employees. He was named the "Vermont Health Care Association Chef of the Year" in 2013.

Laura Brace has been a visionary leader for Porter Hospital's nutrition services department for the past 15 years and has led the hospital department through many successful regulatory surveys and has brought creativity and efficiency to the provision of food for our patients, staff and visitors. She will now be a leader for both the hospital and the nursing home working closely with George and Jamie Bryant (who will be a lead cook at Helen Porter).

The third new PMC nutrition services department position is a Supervisor position to oversee the day to day work of the cooks and line staffs at both the hospital and HPHRC. Will Endres has been appointed to this new role. He brings 20 years of cooking experience to this position, including 16 with Porter. He is about to complete a certificate course as a Certified Dietary Manager through the University of North Dakota.

"We are fortunate and excited to be embarking on this new campus-wide initiative with three very talented and committed leaders" said PMC Vice President of Development and Public Relations Ron Hallman.

"Our goal for this new combined department is nothing short of excellence; and I am confident that we have put into place a team that can get us there and also find efficiencies and cost-savings along the way", he said.

