

# **Boston Medical Center:**

A Commitment to Energy Conservation & Efficiency

## BMC by the numbers



280,000

MEMBER

HEALTH

PLAN

MORE THAN 5,000 EMPLOYEES

NETWORK OF 15 COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

496 BED TEACHING HOSPITAL



LARGEST
PROVIDER OF
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NEW ENGLAND

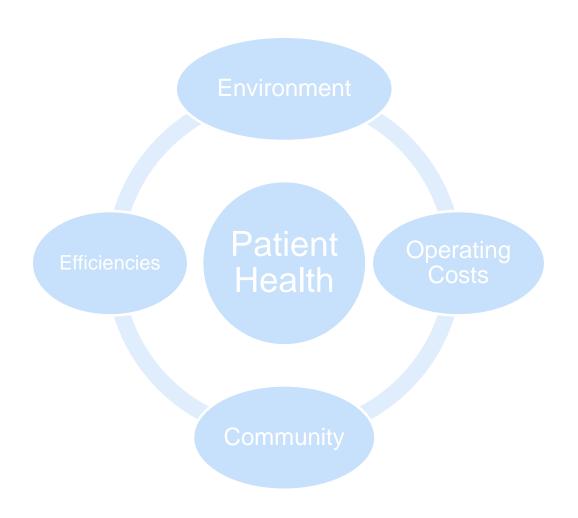
860,000 OUTPATIENT VISITS PER YEAR PRIMARY
TEACHING
HOSPITAL OF
B.U. SCHOOL
OF MEDICINE

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SAFETY-NET
HOSPITAL



# **Guiding Principles**





# **Health Care Industry Responsibility**



- It is the right thing to do
  - We are in the business of keeping people healthy and emissions/pollutants can be a deterrent to people's health
- Hospitals are huge energy users because they operate 24/7 and use energy to power research, equipment (etc)
  - Lots of opportunity for energy rebates
  - According to an EnergyStar report every \$1 hospital saves in energy = \$20 in revenue
- We have an opportunity to make a difference
  - Better supply chain management practices
  - Smart systems and processes "There is harm in the more."
    - In an effort to protect patients from infection we have created a lot of waste (i.e. device packaging and cleaning)
  - Care closer to home resulting in reduction in travel/parking
- Role for medical device industry to create products with less power needs similar to what happened with consumer industry with appliances like refrigerators and washing machines.
  - Example dialysis machines use lots of power

### Why Energy Conservation & Efficiency at BMC?



- Energy competes with other hospital priorities
- Every dollar a nonprofit hospital saves on energy has the equivalent impact on operating margin as increasing revenues by \$20 (EPA Energy Star program)
- We have an engaged workforce committed to keeping people healthy and doing no harm and we have an opportunity to harness their interest to achieve our collective goals.

## **BMC's Energy Saving Milestones**



- BMC combined 2012+2013 Energy Savings Goal = 4,500,000 kilowatt hours
- BMC Planned 2012+2013 Energy Savings = 8,391,000 kilowatt hours (186%)
- BMC 2013+2014 Annual Operating Savings = \$2,056,069
- 2014 Planned Energy Savings = 3,000,000 KWH
- 2014 Planned Annual Operating Savings = \$842,268
- By the end of 2014 BMC will have saved enough energy to power the Menino building for one year OR provide energy to 465 average homes for 1 year.
- BMC's 2013 & 2014 energy savings would equate to a \$41,121,380 Revenue Increase

## What BMC is Doing



- Green Ribbon Commission
- Utility Management
- Campus Redesign
- Resiliency Planning
- Evaluating New Technologies and Processes

### **Green Ribbon Commission**



#### Three Sectors

- Healthcare (co-chairs are BMC President & CEO Kate Walsh & Partners HealthCare President & CEO Gary Gottlieb)
- Higher Education
- Commercial & Industrial

### Purpose

- Facilitate the Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions by
  - Recruiting Institutions to commit to the Pacesetter Agreement
  - Sharing Data & Best Practices
  - Facilitate cooperative efforts between Utilities & Institutions

#### Goal

Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 45% by 2020

## **Utility Management**



- In 2012 BMC signed a three year Memorandum of Agreement with NStar to reduce energy use.
- Through targeted conservation efforts throughout the campus such as reconfiguring the Chilled Water Loop, optimizing the Power Plant, Lighting retrofits in DOB Garage and Moakley and the retro-commissioning of our HVAC systems BMC was able to more than double the goal set for 2012.
- BMC's conservation efforts in 2012 resulted in a \$988,745 rebate from NStar, one of the biggest rebates they have issued.
- BMC used a portion of the rebate to invest in reaching our 2013 goals and is on track to exceed the 2013 goal and should receive between \$650-700k in rebates for 2013.
- Our 2013 energy conservation measures included Installing Energy Efficient Controls in Menino and Newton, upgrades to systems in Menino and new air duct risers in Yawkey.

### **Campus Redesign**



Campus Redesign is an important opportunity to institute new efficiencies and model energy alternatives that will simultaneously benefit our patients, our environment and our resiliency.

### The redesign will include:

- Selecting efficient equipment installed for maximum benefit
- Design and specify building management system to insure:
  - Zone occupancy layouts
  - System performance monitoring and alarming
  - Ease of maintenance
- Patient Room Design
  - Integrating new clinical operations tools
  - Designing rooms for easy cleaning
  - Designed to minimize noise

The campus redesign will also reduce our energy carbon footprint by 14% and will eliminate 3,432 truck deliveries and 10,860 transfers annually.

The energy efficiencies gained through campus redesign is projected to reduce annual energy costs by approximately \$2.3M.

# **Resiliency/Disaster Planning**



- All hospitals have a responsibility to focus on resiliency and disaster planning and as the region's major trauma provider BMC takes this responsibility very seriously.
- Campus redesign offers a unique opportunity to provide a robust and efficient operation in good times as well as during disaster events.
- Our current disaster planning includes:
  - Diesel generators on each of the four buildings forming a grid that will be able to divert power, Radiological equipment cooling and other HVAC services to Menino as needed.
  - For long term power outages, with fuel truck access, the four building grid system will be able to supply additional equipment power beyond the conventional Critical Power needs.
  - To insure against local flooding of our campus electrical utility equipment we are planning to move it onto the Menino roof, high above any flood waters.

## **Evaluating New Initiatives & Processes**



#### Co-Generation

- We are exploring the use of a gas fired Co-Generation plant to provide added heat and power during a disaster.
- A Co-Generation plant would also be cleaner and a lower cost energy for BMC.
- Because it uses natural gas as fuel it will be an additional backup to our rooftop grid system if we cannot receive fuel deliveries during a disaster.
- One of the challenges we need to consider with a Co-Generation plant is BMC's physical footprint over several city blocks.

### Develop Universal Carbon Accounting Tool for:

- Each food group and production methods
- Cleaning Materials
- Clinical & Surgical Supplies
- Energy Use

### Sustainable Healthy Food Program

- BMC has joined with the Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance (NAMA) and Health Care WithoutHarm's (HCWH) Healthy Food in Healthcare Program to buy local seafood whenever possible.
- Changing buying policies to include local seafood results in better economic return for fishermen, healthier regional food systems, more resilient coastal communities and has less impact on the marine ecosystem.