CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

“That is quite the project, it looks like things are coming along great!” These are the words used by several Manistee locals who have noticed both the impressive new Medical Office Building and very welcomed improvements to the campus. Over the past month, additional parking, landscaping, and new concrete sidewalks have all gone in. While we as construction managers, trade contractors, and onsite tradesmen often get caught in our day to day challenges, it is always important to remember the positive impact the community feels when a project like this is taking shape.

The interior of the MOB continues to be a beehive of activity. Windows are expected to be completed in the coming week, officially enclosing the building. Drywall continues and is very near completion. The 2nd floor has a first coat of paint on, with casework being installed in several rooms that are already complete. With finishes continuing to take shape we are making the final push for completion this fall!

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FUN FACT

The footprint of the new Medical Office Building at first glance appears to take up all the remaining space on the Manistee Campus. This building is certainly large in size at almost 50,000-SF, but it is nothing in caparison to the footprint of the Great Pyramid in Egypt. This impressive structure’s footprint covers 10 football fields, 26 times that of the new MOB! It took 400,000 workers just 20 years to construct this impressive monument!
LOOKING AHEAD

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Finishes are moving ahead on the second floor, with ceiling grid, casework, plumbing fixtures, and lighting being put into place and flooring set to begin in the next few weeks. Meanwhile, on the first floor, drywall finishing is wrapping up with priming and base coat painting to follow shortly after. This will allow the finish work from the second floor to transition smoothly to the first. The exterior of the building is also moving forward, with glass and curtain wall surrounding the first floor and the finish metal panels on their way, which will cover the last of the bright green insulated panels. Sitework around the campus is in the final phases, with the main entrance of the hospital to follow the completion of the new Family Care/Walk-In Clinic parking lot.

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Who’s Who On Site

Having casework on the walls of the second floor is a large milestone for building finishes, and the quality and craftsmanship of the cabinets and countertop can be attributed to our supplier, Dynamic Wood Solutions. Due to the nature of their trade, most of what DWS does is “behind the scenes”, but there’s no question that their final products speak for themselves. From the early stages of this project DWS has been right on schedule, all while handling any questions and changes that have been sent their way. Working with their talented team has been a pleasure.

SAFETY MATTERS

Elzinga & Volkers is very proud of the safety culture we have instilled in our people and partners, but we are not perfect. In an effort to continually improve our safety program and introduce new perspective into our organization, Elzinga & Volkers utilizes a team of outside consultants to perform random, unannounced safety audits of our project sites. Our safety consultant Seth Wehner with SW MGT, has over 15 years of experience in construction safety and works with contractors all over the country creating world class safety programs. Seth is an Authorized OSHA 10 and 30-hour instructor, level one MIOSHA certified, and is a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE). Seth is an integral part of our safety team!