

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
AMES CITY COUNCIL AND MARY GREELEY MEDICAL CENTER  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**OCTOBER 26, 2018**

The Ames City Council and Mary Greeley Medical Center Board of Trustees met in joint session at 12:34 p.m. on the 26th day of October, 2018, in Mary Greeley Medical Center (MGMC) Atrium Rooms A & B. Attending were Mayor John Haila and Council Members Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen, Gloria Betcher, Amber Corrieri, Tim Gartin, David Martin, and Chris Nelson. Steve Schainker, City Manager; Bob Kindred, Assistant City Manager; Brian Phillips, Assistant City Manager; Mark Lambert, City Attorney; Susan Gwiasda, Public Information Officer; and Diane Voss, City Clerk, represented the City of Ames Administration.

Representing the Mary Greeley Medical Center Board of Trustees were Chairperson Sarah Buck and Trustees Brad Heemstra; Mary Kitchell; and Ken McCuskey. Trustee Beth Swenson was absent. Administrative staff from MGMC present were Brian Dieter, President and CEO; Vice-Presidents Gary Botine and Amber Deardorff, and Micci Gillespie, Executive Assistant.

Welcome and Introductions. Chairperson Sarah Buck welcomed the City Council, Mary Greeley Medical Center Board of Trustees, and administrative staff members from both entities.

Crisis Stabilization - Transitional Living Center. Christy Krause, Director of Behavioral Health Services at MGMC, gave an update on the new Crisis Stabilization - Transitional Living Center (CS-TLC) located at 124 South Hazel Avenue. The CS-TLC is a collaborative effort among Mary Greeley, Story County, and the 11-county Mental Health Region. Ms. Krause stated that the County provided the building and paid for its renovation. Mary Greeley is leasing the building for \$1/year from the County. The Transitional Care Program is funded by the Mental Health Region.

Ms. Krause advised that the CS-TLC has eight beds. Transitional Living patients will move from the current location to the new Center on October 29. Services for Crisis Stabilization patients will begin in late November.

It was also shared by Ms. Krause that there is a net need for 13 psychiatrists in Mary Greeley's service area. Psychiatrist Dr. Trahan, who had over 1,000 patients, recently left the community. Psychiatrist Usha Chhatlani, MD, was hired on September 1.

According to Ms. Krause, some of the mental health issues that need to be addressed are: services for children; walk-in crisis centers, which currently, there are none in the Region; additional providers, an adequate number of beds, safety of patients and staff, and funding.

Public Safety. Ames Police Chief Chuck Cychosz, Iowa State University Department of Public Safety (ISU DPS) Chief Michael Newton, and Mary Greeley Medical Center Mobile Intensive Care Services Director Dieter Friton each gave a presentation about safety and security in the community, on Iowa State's Campus, and at MGMC.

Statistics for Ames Police Department from 2017 provided by Chief Cychosz were as follows:

1. Total Number of Incidents: 26,771
  - Medical Related: 2%
  - Outreach: 3%
  - Mental Health: 8%
  - Traffic: 21%
  - Community Caretaking/Civil: 21%
  - Criminal Enforcement: 45%

2. Total Number of Hospital Calls: 257
  - General Assault: 2%
  - Mental Health: 5%
  - Sexual Assault: 11%
  - Follow-Up & Assists: 17%
  - Disorderly Conduct: 18%
  - All Other: 47%

Statistics for Iowa State University Department of Public Safety from 2017 provided by Chief Newton were as follows:

1. Total Number of Calls for Service: 21,105
  - Safe Ride Trips: 18,495 to 23,038 Passengers

It was noted by Chief Newton that the ISU DPS is responsible for security of 160+ buildings, 700+ cameras, and 4,000+ alarms on Campus.

Chief Newton advised that, in 2018, as part of developing a best-practice engagement and inclusion initiative, the ISU DPS hired a full-time officer whose focus will be on serving International Students. Other recent initiatives include: Full-time Engagement and Inclusion Officer (EIO), EIO Officers, ISU Guardian/ISU Alert Expansion (alert system to include community, not just ISU), creation of a Student Advisory Board, identifying future trends, violent incident response training, and threat assessment and management. According to Chief Newton, ISU and Mary Greeley have partnered to provide services that will benefit both organizations; specifically, the ISU DPS will provide a police presence in the Emergency Department on weekends, and Mary Greeley staff will provide emergency medical training to ISU Police Officers.

Mary Greeley Mobile Intensive Care Services Director Dieter Friton thanked both Chiefs for their support and continued assistance provided to MGMC. He pointed out that all police officers now carry Narcan, which can reverse the effects of an overdose. Mr. Friton shared how much they appreciate the assistance of police officers when Narcan is administered because patients are usually combative once they are revived.

According to Mr. Friton, they have been reviewing safety at the hospital. He stated that the west doors of the Patient Tower are now locked full-time and are badge-only accessible. Mr. Friton also noted that staff is looking forward to having a police presence in the Emergency Department on weekends.

Healthy Life Center Update. Mary Greeley Vice-President Gary Botine shared that the Healthy Life Center Steering Committee is continuing to meet, and the Fund-Raising Committee has been working hard to raise additional funds. Mr. Botine noted that a Healthy Life Center meeting involving the City Council and MGMC Board of Trustees, et al, will be held on November 29 at City Church, 2400 Oakwood Road.

Trustee and Council Comments: Trustee Chairperson Buck asked if there were any topics that the City Council would like to discuss at next year's Joint Meeting. Council Member Gartin offered that he would be interested in learning more about the nutritional component for health in the community. Other possible topics suggested were plans for future expansion of the hospital and workforce development.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

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John H. Haila, Mayor