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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
 GREYSTONE PARK PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL**

- I. The Board of Trustees Meeting at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital (GPPH) was held in person on Thursday, October 16, 2025, pursuant to the notice duly given. In conformance with the Public Open Meetings law, notices for the meeting were sent to Daily Record and the Star-Ledger. Roll Call is as follows:

**Board Member Attendance:**

| <u>Present:</u>                        | <u>Excused</u> |
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| Chairman, James (Jim) DiGiulio, Esq.   |                |
| Vice Chairman, Sheriff James M. Gannon | X              |
| Louis Modugno, Esq.                    | X              |
| Tomika Carter, MSW                     |                |
| Christine Dahlgren                     |                |
| Mayor Jason Karr                       |                |
| Lisa Vara, MA                          | X              |

**Hospital Administrators Attendance:**

| <u>Present:</u>   | <u>Excused</u> |
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| Joshua Belsky, Chief Executive Officer                    |                |
| Eric Madurki, Deputy Chief Executive Officer              |                |
| Quinzell McKenzie, Chief Operating Officer                |                |
| Julie VanHouten, Chief Nursing Officer                    |                |
| Christopher Dorian, Chief Clinical Officer                |                |
| Dr. Harlan Mellk, MD, Acting Medical Director             | X              |
| Jack Frey, Business Manager                               |                |
| Dorothea Josephs-Spaulding, Director of Quality Assurance | X              |
| Arlington King, Associate Hospital Administrator 2        |                |
| Timothy Dimitrios, Administrative Analyst 4               |                |
| Maria Jazenback, Secretary to the Board                   | X              |
| Stephanie Gabelmann, GPA Liaison                          | X              |

**CALL TO ORDER** at 3:15pm by Chairman, James (Jim) DiGiulio, Esq. This is a virtual meeting today via Teams.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The September 18, 2025, GPPH Board Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Tomika Carter gave the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Jason Karr gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to approve the minutes. All in favor. The September 18, 2025, GPPH Board Meeting Minutes were adopted.

## III. CEO'S PRESENTATION

*Mr. Joshua Belsky, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital (GPPH) presented the CEO Report during this meeting*

**Announcement and Introduction:** Welcome Susan Loughery, who has been named as the Assistant Commissioner. She has replaced Ann Marie Flory, who has now received the position of Deputy Commissioner, after the retirement of Deborah Hartel, who previously held the title. Deborah Hartel, although retired, will remain on as a confidential advisor to the Commissioner for the Department of Health.

**September 2025:** The census was 385 at the end of the month and averaged 390. There were a total of nine (9) admissions and ten (10) discharges for the month of September. There were fifty-two (52) patients on CEPP status in September which is about 13.5% of the patient population. The violence data was reviewed during this meeting. There were fifty-three (53) patient-to-patient incidents in September. The total is 4.57 per 1000 patient days which is higher than the 2024 average of 3.9. There were no (0) incidents with moderate injury, and seventeen (17) incidents with mild injuries. There were sixteen (16) patient-to-staff incidents in September. The assault rate is 1.38 per 1000 patient days, which is lower in average as was reported in 2024. Regarding patient to staff assaults, there were zero (0) incidents with moderate injuries, ten (10) incidents with mild injuries, and zero (0) incidents with severe injury. There were nine (9) seclusions in September which is lower than data from the prior month. Restraints decreased from the prior month. The number of holds decreased from the prior month. There were five (5) contraband issues. This is an increase from the prior month of two (2) and even with last year (2024) despite the higher volume.

**Departmental Reports September 2025:** **Human Resources:** Continues recruitment efforts with the focus on nursing, foodservice, housekeeping and engineering. OSHA logs reflect a 10% decrease in employee injuries from the 2024 logs. **Nursing:** is preparing to roll-out POESv2 Phase 3 focusing on medications. Two new nursing orientation classes were held for 30 new staff, most of which were HSA's and HST's. Hiring of RN's still poses challenges. **Quality Assurance:** is preparing for the Joint Commissions return by increasing chart reviews, rounds, and mock surveys. Interviews were held with two companies that conduct mock surveys for hospitals. We are looking to contract with one of the companies in early 2026. **Rehabilitation Services:** The pool was closed, and the newly renovated gym has reopened. Over 1,700 groups were held for the month. **Social Services:** Discharged sixteen (16) patients in the month of September, three (3) of which are CEPP patients. Two of which were here for over four months. Social Services are now working more closely with peer advocates and developing specific strategies for patients who are discharge hesitant. We are expanding the Safewards Program hospital wide and are in the process of training new members that have joined the Committee. **Psychiatry/Medicine:** Dr. Jonathan Sadler joined our team as a temporary psychiatrist. We continue working on lowering our 1:1's and increasing discharges. We are currently interviewing for a Medical Director, Chief of Psychiatry and hiring 2 additional APN's. **Psychology:** The department is short of staff due to retirements and leave of absences (LOA). We are currently seeking temporary staff to cover until staff return from LOA. **Co-Occurring:** They are leading SMART Recovery Trainings for all the state psychiatric facilities. Scheduling of trainings will begin in November.

**Major Happenings/Events/Projects:** Our training department has been working on developing plans for emergency situations, specifically for psychiatric, medical, active shooter and fire emergencies. We are working with outside providers, including Office of Emergency Management, County Sheriff, HSP, and other

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fire departments from the community. All hospital administrators and nursing leadership have been trained. On unit trainings began at the end of September, for all scenarios, on all shifts, along with tabletop exercises. Once we're concluded with that, we will be bringing in outside providers and conducting trainings on one of our empty units, so we can work directly with the outside community to know how to respond when we need to call in assistance for emergency situations outside of our own capabilities. GPPH 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities continue being scheduled. We held a circus for patients sponsored by GPA and the Statewide Specialized Inpatient Program for the Deaf (SSIP). The circus performers were hearing impaired. We observed that patients seem to be remaining at hospital wide event longer than usual, which is a positive thing. Second televisions are being installed on units that did not receive them during the year-long ceiling hardening project. We anticipate all units will be completed by the end of the year. Patient payphones in the Cottages will begin being replaced with newer modern non payphones, that require pin numbers, next month. The payphones in the main building have already been replaced. Trips continue in all areas. There was one concerning issue in the month of September that occurred. Our newly purchased UPS failed during a scheduled generator run. We were able to bypass the UPS and get all systems back-up and running rather quickly. We believe that problem has been corrected but will know more during the next scheduled generator run in two weeks. As a precaution, the contracted company will be onsite during the next generator run.

**CEO Activities:** We are preparing staff for the next Joint Commission visit. The hospital should always be ready for all unannounced visits/surveys. We are conducting mock surveys, tracers and other Joint Commission readiness activities to prepare for the anticipated return of the Joint Commission. We are doing some planning and budgeting for the possibility of opening a new unit to be able to handle increased volumes as well as the community demands. Based on the new Medical Staff Bylaws received from DOH, we have selected and appointed medical staff for committees. A great meeting was held with John Verney and our partners at the Northern Region Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Office. Discussions were held on how Greystone and the community can reconnect and work more smoothly together. Plans are in the works to create more direct dialogue and greater interactions with partners. We have been conducting end of the year planning meetings, activities and events. We have had several meetings with the Unions. Close-outs of performance assessment review (PARs) evaluations have been completed for CEO staff. Based on the new Medical Staff Bylaws we are working with our medical staff and nursing staff to convert Advance Practiced Nurse (APN's) to the medical staff. We are closely paying attention to the changes in Medicaid.

**Concerning Issues:** Staffing (nursing and specialty), community movement issues.

#### **IV. PATIENT WELFARE FUND:**

The September 30, 2025, Patient Welfare Financial Report was provided to all Board of Trustee Members for review.

#### **VI. OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

##### **1. Opioid Settlement (Recent Announcement) September 17 announcement: Funding will support:**

- \$118.7 million over five and a half years for the continuation and expansion of Harm Reduction Centers. (Brick-and-mortar sites, mobile outreach to high-risk populations, and integration of harm reduction services into existing health care settings).
- \$12 million over three years in direct grants to family and community support organizations. (This initiative will fund a range of community-driven activities such as bereavement groups, prevention programs, and harm reduction support services, with capacity-building grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$150,000. This is a first-of-its-kind

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investment by the State in hyper-local, small opioid response-related organizations.) More information is available at: <https://www.nj.gov/opioidfunds/news/>

2. **The Next Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services' Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) Advisory Hub Meeting (for stakeholders) is scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2025 10:00 AM-11:30 AM. Registration is available at:**

[https://urldefense.com/v3/https://chcs.zoom.us/meeting/register/MGTEnaV9QTIrIOMX7auHLg\\_!!J30\\_X0ZrnC1oQtbA!LJwODap1kksdc8anl9LU-r3cFojNpxWQplhGbsHZBV7jN13Fy4LR5j9cl5BGJJzrQ1ltp2BQr22M6xBwzFMfzaaR\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://chcs.zoom.us/meeting/register/MGTEnaV9QTIrIOMX7auHLg_!!J30_X0ZrnC1oQtbA!LJwODap1kksdc8anl9LU-r3cFojNpxWQplhGbsHZBV7jN13Fy4LR5j9cl5BGJJzrQ1ltp2BQr22M6xBwzFMfzaaR$)

3. The new Assistant Director for the Office of Community Services is Ronald Roebuck. Ron brings 24 years of dedicated service to the state, including the past 21 years with the Division's Southern Region Office. Most recently, he served as Regional Coordinator within the Office of Community Services

#### VII. GREYSTONE PARK ASSOCIATION

There was no report this month.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to address.

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to address.

#### IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

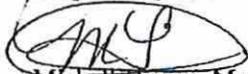
#### X. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.

#### XI. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital Board of Trustees will be held via Teams on November 20, 2025, at 3:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Lucas, Management Assistant  
GPPH's Board of Trustees

Witnessed By,



James DiGiulio, Esq., Chairman  
GPPH's Board of Trustees