

The Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS) has embarked on an exciting and transformational project – the construction of a new, integrated healthcare campus in the City of Utica. This joint initiative with New York State has the two-fold objective of achieving major advances in healthcare quality and service delivery, while serving as a catalyst for urban revitalization – both of which are essential to the future prosperity and welfare of all people living in our region.

City of Utica Planning Board Accepts Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

On Thursday, November 15, 2018, the DEIS was accepted by the City of Utica Planning Board. This is an important document in the State Environmental Review Process as it provides a review of the project impact on areas identified during the scoping process such as site selection, water, air and transportation. A public comment period for the document will run from Monday, November 19 through Thursday, December 27, and written comments can be submitted to the City of Utica’s Department of Urban and Economic Development. Verbal comments will be accepted at a public hearing scheduled from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, at the New York State Office Building, 207 Genesee Street, Utica. The full DEIS can be found on the City of Utica’s website: cityofutica.com.

Care Providers Explore New Hospital Project Interior Layout

Medical care providers at MVHS are using the mock interior design center in New Hartford to weigh in on the layout of the patient rooms, work stations and operating rooms for the new, downtown hospital. The interior design center features full-scale emergency, critical care, behavioral health and med-surg patient rooms, as well as an operating room. Care providers are able to physically test out these new spaces to ensure the room layouts are ideal for the equipment and working spaces needed.



Mock operating room for the new, regional healthcare center.



MVHS Names New President/CEO

Darlene Stromstad, FACHE, has been appointed president and chief executive officer of MVHS, effective January 1, 2019.

Current MVHS President/CEO, Scott H. Perra, FACHE, announced his retirement in January 2018. Mr. Perra has worked for the system for more than 30 years and was instrumental in bringing together two extraordinary healthcare organizations to form MVHS and has helped create the opportunity for MVHS to build a new, regional healthcare campus.

Ms. Stromstad has decades of experience in healthcare and has led a variety of healthcare organizations across the country. Most recently she served as interim CEO of Fenway Health in Boston, Massachusetts, one of the nation’s premier and largest federally qualified health centers. Prior to that, Ms. Stromstad was in Connecticut where she served as president/CEO of Waterbury Hospital and the Greater Waterbury Health Network (now known as Waterbury HEALTH). During her six-year tenure at Waterbury Hospital, Ms. Stromstad helped to stabilize the organization’s financial position, rebuild its employee culture and morale, and assure its future through a strategic partnership and acquisition.

“I am delighted to be joining MVHS at this exciting time in its history,” said Ms. Stromstad. “It’s amazing how this organization has evolved from three distinct hospitals into a robust health system and is now on the precipice of building a new, state-of-the-art medical center. My congratulations to MVHS president/CEO Scott Perra and the board, and to all the stakeholders who had the vision and worked tirelessly to make this happen.”

Ms. Stromstad received her Master of Business Administration from Rivier College in Nashua, New Hampshire, and her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, North Dakota.