



February 6, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Eau Claire will hold a Special Meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 203 South Farwell Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

The purpose of this meeting will be to consider a resolution calling on Hospital Sister Health System (HSHS) and Prevea Health to collaborate with partners for the continuation of care and services.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Subchapter V of Chapter 19 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

*To accommodate the participation of individuals with special needs at this meeting, the City will provide the services of a sign language interpreter or make other reasonable accommodations on request. To make such a request, **please notify the City Manager's Office at 839-4902.***

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Media/Communications Specialist

cc: News Media  
Deputy City Clerk/File

**EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
203 S. FARWELL STREET 5:30 P.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

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**SPECIAL MEETING**

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**HSHS & PREVEA**

1. Resolution requesting Hospital Sister Health System (HSHS) and Prevea Health to work collaboratively with partners for continuation of care and services.  
(Council President Emily Berge)
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**ADJOURNMENT**

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that an open public regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Eau Claire will be held at **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2024**, in the City Hall Council Chamber, 203 S. Farwell Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, to consider all matters which may properly be considered at a meeting of the City Council.

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**NOTICE TO CITIZENS**

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Due to requirements contained in the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law, only those matters placed on this agenda may be considered by the City Council at this meeting. If any member of the public desires that the City Council consider a matter not included on this agenda, he or she should contact a City Council Member or the City Manager to have the matter considered for placement on a future City Council agenda.

## **RESOLUTION**

### **RESOLUTION REQUESTING HOSPITAL SISTER HEALTH SYSTEM (HSHS) AND PREVEA HEALTH TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH PARTNERS FOR CONTINUATION OF CARE AND SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Hospital Sister Health System (HSHS) and Prevea Health have been integral to the local health system in providing quality healthcare and services to the residents in the Chippewa Valley and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, HSHS in the Chippewa Valley maintains 140 hospital beds with HSHS and Prevea Health serving 900 expectant mothers, 100 cancer patients, and 50 dialysis patients annually in addition to providing healthcare services and care in areas such as wound care, psychiatric and AODA treatment, and hospice amongst other services; and

**WHEREAS**, Prevea Health and HSHS employs or had employed approximately 1,400 individuals in the area, assumed patient case duties, health insurance contractual obligations, accepted donations, and have self-assumed ethical and spiritual responsibilities to the entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Eau Claire expresses the deepest appreciation to the medical providers, health care employees and the full team at HSHS and Prevea Health that provided treatment and care to our residents for their steadfast commitment to local healthcare and years of dedicated service to the community even during this difficult time of transition; and

**WHEREAS**, with the impending, or in some cases already concluded, closures of HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire, HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Chippewa Falls, Prevea Health locations in the Chippewa Valley, and other facilities part of the HSHS network (i.e. L.E. Phillips-Libertas Treatment Center), the closures will have profound impacts on patients, employees, regional availability to quality and timely healthcare, donors to HSHS and Prevea Health, and the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, we have received reports of employees already being discharged and necessary medical equipment, including imaging equipment such as a mammography machine essential to early detection of cancer and preventative care for women's health being packed and taken from Sacred Heart well prior to stated closure dates compromising the ability to provide continuing care even through the short transition period indicated, and in the case of equipment purchased with locally donated funds, frustrating the intent of those local donors that made the purchase of such equipment possible, and

**WHEREAS**, the community would greatly benefit from HSHS and Prevea Health delaying the closures and already underway functional closures through loss of staff, equipment, or both, and to begin working collaboratively at a much higher and sustained level with the medical community and other local stakeholders to ensure quality healthcare and services continue to be available in the Chippewa Valley.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Eau Claire City Council on behalf of the City of Eau Claire calls upon the chief executives, board members and medical provider leadership at HSHS and Prevea Health to utilize the entire transition timeline of closure and such additional time as may be necessary to productively engage with community stakeholders including, but not limited to, the local and regional medical systems, the state of Wisconsin, and local municipalities, to ensure a continuity of access to quality medical service within the community for the health and well-being of patients and all residents.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager of the City of Eau Claire is directed to take all reasonable steps to further this policy direction. The City Clerk is also directed to transmit this resolution to HSHS, Prevea, as well as state and local leaders who may need to hear this message and direction from the City.

Adopted,  
February 7, 2024

(SEAL) \_\_\_\_\_  
President Emily K. Berge

(SEAL) \_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager Stephanie A. Hirsch

(ATTESTED) \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Nicholas L. Koerner