

ASSET Board Minutes

United Way of Story County
315 Clark Avenue, Ames, IA 50010
February 12, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Emma Cassabaum, Biswa Das, Ed Gillott, Donna Gilligan, Pa Goldbeck, Becky Harker, Nick Joos, Karen Kiel Rossier, Sandra King, Sarah Mansell, Moriah Morgan, Jess Peebler, Amy Shaw, Aidan Shervheim, Ron Smith, Ashley Thompson, Beth Waage, Liz Zuercher

Virtual: Shamaree Brown

CALL TO ORDER-

The Meeting was called to order at 12:17p.m. by Nick Joos, Vice Chair.

PUBLIC FORUM-

None

APPROVAL OF-

Approval of January 22, 2026, ASSET & Joint Funders Meeting Minutes
Motion by Rossier, seconded by Cassabaum, to approve January 22, 2026, Minutes from ASSET & Joint Funder Board Meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT-

Smith reported a balance of \$2,200.32

REPORTS-

Administrative Team

Goldbeck of the City of Ames reports recommendations were approved as is by the City of Ames.

King of Story County adds that on February 10, 2026, Story County approved the recommendations with no changes. King goes on about Iowa Primary Care needing space; they are touching base with Story County. Navigators to check in on mental health and disability. The Warming Place has been open during weather dependent times; it was open January 16, 2026 for 16 straight days. Supervisor Murken has been commended on her leadership with this program.

Shaw of ISU Student Government reports that recommendations will go to the ISU Student Senate next week for voting.

Thompson of UWSC reports that recommendations were brought to their board last month. One change the UWSC board is making is to not fund The Bridge Home (TBH) based on their outstanding audits, missing board meeting minutes, and missing 990 Forms. The UWSC board also decided to pause funding for the new “re-entry position” for the Center for Creative Justice (CCJS) as it not currently exist, does not have a sustainable plan to fund without ASSET contributions, and the service does not directly align with current UWSC priorities.

Mansell shared about UWSC’s study into Phase II; 417 survey results from families and 60 provider survey results. The ISU survey is open this week and has had 619 responses so far.

Volunteers

Harker recognized Goldbeck’s hard work to provide visual data for City Counsel.

OLD BUSINESS-

Warming Place

King reported the average of 10-12 people on nights when open during the 16 straight days the Warming Place was open. Harker asked about the sustainability of this location, to which King responded that the Warming Place will re-open during inclement weather.

NEW BUSINESS-

Recognition of Volunteers

Goldbeck recognized Ed Gillot and Kathy Guillen finishing the year and their terms. King recognized Stephanie Spence as she will be ending her time with ASSET after serving two terms.

SWOT Analysis, Donna Gilligan

Goldbeck thanked the group as they are the first round of participants through the ASSET SWOT analysis. Gilligan prompted the group to write down two or more thoughts for the strengths (S), weaknesses (W), opportunities (O), and threats (T) of the ASSET roles and process. This activity was used to collect information from participants that will later be shared in a report formatted by Gilligan.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Harker, seconded by Cassabaum, to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed to adjourn at 5:37 p.m.