

Lt. Gov. Murray talks stem cell research and meets veterans in Shrewsbury

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Lt. Gov. Tim Murray visits the UMass Memorial Medical School's campus in Shrewsbury to talk about stem cell research.

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September 17, 2010 - SHREWSBURY, Mass. – Lt. Gov. Tim Murray spent the day in Shrewsbury on Friday, first touring the Stem Cell Registry at UMass Medical School's campus on Maple Ave. then speaking with veterans at the new Veterans Inc. facility on South Street.

On his first stop in Shrewsbury, Murray was able to tour the UMass Medical School's laboratories and learn about the Stem Cell Registry that funding from the Patrick-Murray administration helped fund.

“From day one the governor and I have made growing jobs in the life sciences and biotech industry a priority,” Murray said. “It creates jobs for lots of different people and we want to continue to grow that.”

Murray noted that this is one of the largest growing industries and the administrations goal is to make the state and the central Massachusetts region a leader.

“The fact that this is here will encourage research to take place in Shrewsbury, Worcester and Massachusetts,” Murray said.



Naughton and Murray meet the officials of Veterans Inc.

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Murray meets with the staff at Veterans Inc.

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“We’ve worked to support veterans in a lot of different ways, but as their needs grow it is important that we continue to work to help them,” Murray said.

In that aim, Murray sat down and had a roundtable discussion with veterans living in the facility and those Veterans Inc. workers who provide support services for them about what could be done better by the state.

One Veterans Inc. employee raised concerns over the issue of obtaining and organizing records and how that could be improved in the digital age.

“We understand the hardship vets go through to try and find these records and we are trying to address that need,” Naughton said.

Murray said the fact that this facility also draws in businesses and students from across the country to receive educational training here is also a positive thing for the region.

“The research here is hope,” Murray said. “Hope for families and individuals inflicted with a variety of illnesses.”

The second part of Murray’s day in Shrewsbury was spent at the newly opened Veterans Inc. facility where he met with state Rep. Harold Naughton, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Veterans Affairs, and homeless veterans living at the facility.

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Naughton and Murray have a roundtable discussion with veterans.

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