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Good day!

The month of May marks a number of special observances where we pay tribute to the excellence all around us. May 6 to 12 we celebrate **National Nurses Week**, and May 8 to 14 we honor all of our hospital staff through **National Hospital Week**. There are a wide variety of educational events, health fairs, roundtable discussions, and employee recognition events taking place across our operating units. A schedule of events for both of these commemorative observances has been publicized through posters, flyers and all-user emails. Please take the time this week to participate. But, also remember to use these occasions to join with us in thanking your colleagues and associates for the many contributions and the dedication that you all bring to the workplace.



Gratitude is free, pass it around!

May is also the time of year when we observe **Mental Health Month**. Butler Hospital and The Providence Center, in coordination with the Mental Health Association of Rhode Island, have teamed up with professional organizations, colleagues from the provider community, the RI Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals and the RI Department of Children, Youth and Families to host a series of events to raise awareness of mental health issues and the treatment help available across our state. The program for the event, designed and printed by Butler Hospital in support of the month's activity, is dedicated in memory of our own Michael J. Beirne, a long-standing member of the May is Mental Health Month Committee, who passed away unexpectedly last month. Michael was a member of the Butler Hospital and Care New England Marketing team.



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May also brings another special observance—one that does not come around all too often. On May 1, **Kent Hospital marks its 65th anniversary**. From a vision contemplated in 1945 in the Warwick home of Dr. Arthur Hardy along with Drs. Young, Taggart, Farrell and Merrill, Kent County Memorial Hospital would open six years later on May 1, 1951. Today, Kent has now grown into a sprawling campus covering 57 acres, employing nearly 2,100 employees, a medical staff of 600 physicians representing an impressive array of clinical expertise and diverse specialties. With 359 beds, an emergency department that sees 70,000 patients a year, a flourishing graduate medical education program and clinical programs offering advanced care closer to home, Kent is a hospital which would make its founders proud. I know we all are.



Finally, May also marks the time where we get ready for the **American Heart Association Southern New England Heart Walk, Sunday, June 5 at Station Park in Providence, at 8:30 a.m.** Our goal this year is to recruit 800 walkers and raise \$100,000—and together we can do it! You will be seeing and hearing much more at each of your operating units in the coming weeks—kickoffs, recruitment events and maybe even team rallies. Please take a moment to log on to the **carenet** Heart Walk site, accessible by clicking this link <http://carenet/heart-walk>. Here you can form a team, join a team or make a contribution. All of our help raises needed funds to support research and education to fight heart disease. Lace up your sneakers and get ready to walk on June 5 in downtown Providence!



Enjoy the month ahead. I will be extending appreciation and recognition through many of the events we have planned. But, let me start now by thanking you for all you do. You are truly what distinguishes Care New England!

Sincerely,

Dennis D. Keefe
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Dr. Robert Insoft named to American Academy of Pediatrics Committee

Robert M. Insoft, MD, a neonatologist at Women & Infants Hospital and associate professor of pediatrics at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, has been appointed to the American Academy of Pediatrics' Section on Neonatal Perinatal Medicine Steering Committee for the Task Force for Guidelines and Protocol Sharing. Dr. Insoft is also senior vice president and chief medical officer at Women & Infants.



According to Dr. Insoft, "This newly-established committee is charged with the development and publishing of evidence-based clinical guidelines for neonatal medicine nationwide and internationally. It is an honor and a privilege to work with my colleagues from across the nation on ensuring the safest, most effective treatment protocols for some of our tiniest and most vulnerable patients."

Earlier this month, Dr. Insoft was the keynote speaker at the American Association of Physician Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. His presentation was entitled, "Journey Toward Value-Based Reimbursement in Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine."



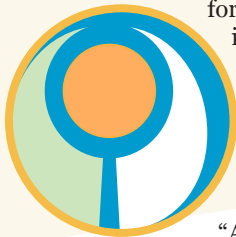
Care Management director appointed

Shannon Sullivan, MSW, LICSW, has been named director of Care Management for Care New England. In this new role, she will develop a coordinated structure to unify the care management program at our hospitals, through Integra, via health plans, as well as through The Rhode Island Primary Care Physicians Corporation and our community-based practices and, as a result, help Care New England achieve improved care and better outcomes for patients. Shannon most recently served as director of Patient and Family Support Services at Women & Infants where she was instrumental in developing a system-wide approach to reducing hospital readmissions. She joined the hospital in 2002 as a clinical social worker for ob/gyn and pediatrics, later serving in the same role in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. She earned her MSW from Boston College.



The Providence Center's Latino IOP awarded grant from the Rhode Island Foundation

Last week, The Rhode Island Foundation announced a \$68,581 grant award to The Providence Center (TPC) for the rollout of its new Latino Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP). Studies show that fewer than one in 11 Hispanic-Americans with mental illness seek behavioral health treatment, and the program is designed to bring culturally competent mental health and substance abuse services to RI's Latino community. The award was part of a series of health care grants that totaled \$300,000.



Held entirely in Spanish, the Latino IOP is the creation of Sandra Victorino, an associate director in TPC's Behavioral Health Outpatient Department. The program's staff includes two facilitators, a case manager and a psychologist who understand the mental health stigma in the Latino community.

"A huge advantage of this IOP is that we recognize where these clients are coming from and design treatment in culturally sensitive ways," said Sandra. If you know of a client you'd like to refer to the Latino IOP, please contact Sandra at (401) 432-7894.

Memorial staff recognized for CurrentCare enrollments

Memorial Hospital staff was recently recognized at a CurrentCare Superlative Breakfast for Excellence in CurrentCare enrollments. Memorial's staff was one of The Rhode Island Quality Institute's 2015 CurrentCare Superstars—honored for being the best at CurrentCare Patient Enrollment, using CurrentCare Viewer using CurrentCare in EHRs.

CurrentCare is based on a secure electronic network that gives authorized medical professionals access to their enrolled patients' most up-to-date protected health information from multiple sources in one place. Care New England has been supporting the effort by helping enroll patients.



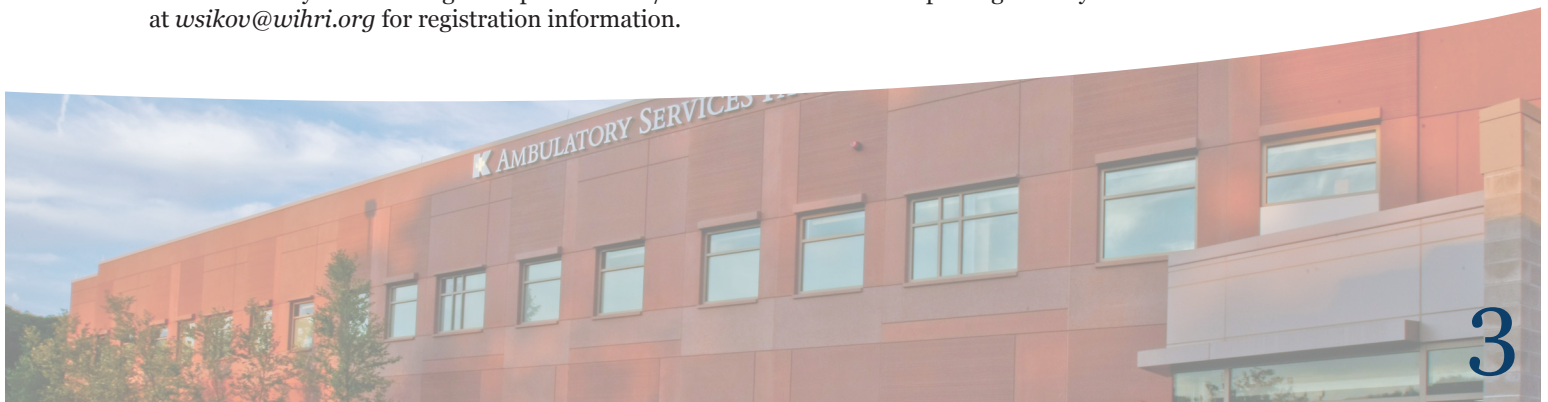
Shown here are (left to right) Ruthann Moore, lead, patient access; Brian Miller, senior associate, REC, Rhode Island Quality Institute (CurrentCare rep); Marie Goncalves, patient access; Bethany Brown, supervisor, patient access; Mimi Figueroa, patient access; and Christine Mulligan, patient access.

Now is the time to register for Ride 'Round Rhody

Ride 'Round Rhody is an annual bicycle-riding fundraising event with proceeds used to support unfunded or underfunded clinical trials for cancer patients in Rhode Island. This year's event will be held on Sunday, July 17 starting at The Farmer's Daughter farm stand and nursery in South Kingstown. Course options include 25- and 75-mile rides winding through the back roads of South County.



The Program in Women's Oncology and Oncology Research Office are putting together a team, with funds raised supporting the investigator-initiated clinical trials being conducted primarily at Women & Infants, including studies run through the Brown University Oncology Group. You, your spouse, your kids, your friends are invited to join the Women & Infants team. Haven't been on a bike in a while? Don't worry! Team organizers will be holding optional training rides across the state, as well as along the planned route, in the weeks leading up to the event. If you don't ride, you will still be able to support the Women & Infants team with donations or by volunteering to help at the start/finish line or at a rest stop along the way. Contact Dr. Bill Sikov at wsikov@wihri.org for registration information.



Care New England director recognized



Esther Emard, MSN, RN, MSLIR, a member of the Care New England Board of Directors and chair of the Credentialing Committee, was recently honored during a George Washington University's Faculty Honors Ceremony, held in Washington, DC, where she was one of only four faculty to be awarded The Morton A. Bender Teaching Award. This is the university's highest award for teaching excellence. As a result, she also became a member of the Academy of Distinguished Teachers. Emard has more than 30 years of experience in nursing, health care administration and quality improvement leadership. In addition to her teaching role at George Washington University School of Nursing, she is on the faculty at the University of Rhode Island College of Nursing.

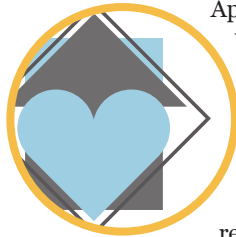
Cast your vote for Anchor!

The Providence Center's Anchor Community Recovery Center, Anchor ED emergency room program and AnchorMORE community outreach initiative have been selected as finalists for the Scattergood Foundation's Fourth Annual Innovation Award. The Scattergood Foundation is a grant-making and philanthropic organization that recognizes advances in behavioral health programming.



The winning organization gets \$25,000 and is decided by online votes, so we need your help! To vote for Anchor, go to <http://bit.ly/1SEQBu4>. Scroll down to the bottom of the page, answer one survey question and enter your name and email address. Your support is appreciated!

VNA hosts first Nursing in the Community Seminar



The VNA of Care New England hosted its first *Nursing in the Community Seminar* on Wednesday, April 27. Lynn Blanchette, PhD, RN, program director, BSN Program at Rhode Island College, spoke to the audience about home health nursing in the community and how it has evolved through the years. There were inspiring stories from current VNA home health nurses and discussions on available career opportunities with the VNA.

The VNA will host two more sessions as part of its seminar series on May 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. and June 14, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The series consists of a Kent Hospital-sponsored continuing education program, eligible for one contact hour, as well as the opportunity to meet with VNA recruiters. For more info or to RSVP, please visit <http://vnacarenewengland.org/nursing>. 