



Good day! This week I would like to highlight some very important efforts taking place across Care New England that recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

I would like to draw your attention to the numerous activities, discussions, and trainings that have been coordinated across our system. I hope you will take some time to not only reflect on the serious impact domestic violence takes on our society, but also decide how you can get involved to educate, inform, and make a difference.

I would like to thank all those involved in putting this important series of events together. Your hard work and dedication will continue to make a difference in this most important issue. As with most things that matter, we must do more beyond the scope of just one recognition week or month. The efforts planned for this month will ensure the message and advocacy will sustain for well beyond, and in doing so, help protect and save many lives.

Please also be sure to read the latest update on the great work taking place with Integra, our accountable care organization. It's being recognized on the national landscape, and it is well deserved. The pace at which Integra is growing and making a difference for many across Rhode Island is import and commendable. I look forward to sharing more exciting Integra news with all of you in the coming weeks and months.

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Care New England raises domestic violence awareness

Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion, or gender, affecting people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels. For the past several months, a multidisciplinary team from Care New England has been working with Day One and the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence to raise awareness during October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A number of activities have been planned:

Screening for violence training

Staff are invited to attend one of these important training sessions.

- **Thursday, October 5, 7:30 a.m.** – Women & Infants' Obstetrics and Gynecology Care Center (OGCC), 2 Dudley Street.

- **Tuesday, October 24, 2 p.m.** – Butler Hospital, Ray Hall.
- **Tuesday, October 31, 12 noon** – Kent Hospital, Doctors' Auditorium A.

Clothesline Project—Raising awareness of teen dating violence

Through the Clothesline Project, students design and paint t-shirts with factual or artistic information about dating violence. T-shirts are displayed on a clothesline to make a powerful statement to the community. The intent of the display is to honor survivors and act as a memorial for victims. It is also intended to aid in the healing process for those who were directly affected and those who have lost someone special to violence. Lastly, the display is to

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educate society and promote awareness, as well as to document violence against teens. Displays will be at Kent and Women & Infants hospitals **October 9 through 13**.

Silent Witness Display—Remember my story, remember my name

This month, you may also see “silent witnesses” at each operating unit. In 1990, the Silent Witness Initiative (<http://www.silentwitness.net>) began to honor the lives of domestic violence homicide victims and to offer support, community connections, and advocacy for change. Take a moment to look at these red silhouettes and read the stories of the victims. We need to remember their stories to put an end to these tragic deaths. Displays will be at Butler, Kent, and Women & Infants hospitals **October 16 through 20**.

#PurpleThursday

All staff are invited to wear purple on **Thursday, October 19** to honor victims and support survivors of domestic violence.

Schwartz Rounds

Women & Infants will host “Journey to Becoming a Survivor: One Woman’s Perspective” on **Friday, October 27 at 12 noon** in the Malcolm and Elizabeth Chace Education Center. Upon completion of this conference, participants should be able to: 1) Identify the importance of consistent and non-judgemental interpersonal violence (IPV) screening; 2) Increase knowledge of the cyclical nature of IPV and journey to survivorship; 3) Discuss how caregivers can support patient choices in the setting of IPV; 4) Describe the challenges patients encounter when working towards recovery.

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Integra leads the way in connecting clinical care and community support

Garry Bliss, program director at Integra Community Care Network, recently participated in a Medicaid Summit on Waiver and Payment Policy Innovation hosted by America’s Essential Hospitals in Denver, CO. Garry presented as part of a panel on “Accountable Health Communities: Connecting Clinical Care and Community Support Services for High-Risk Populations,” along with a representative from Harborview Medical Center, located just outside of Seattle, WA.

The discussion focused on recognizing the gap between clinical care and community support services, looking at states, such as Rhode Island, that are beginning to implement patient-centered approaches that connect patients to resources in their community that go beyond medical needs, such as housing and transportation. The session focused on the role of essential providers in this model by featuring the experiences and challenges faced by Integra and Care New England.

Earlier this year, Care New England announced it had been selected by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services as one of only 32 organizations to implement the Accountable Health Communities model, awarding an anticipated \$4.5 million for the five-year initiative focused on ensuring high-risk Medicare and Medicaid patients have access to high-quality health care services while also achieving cost savings.

America’s Essential Hospitals is the leading association and champion for hospitals and health systems dedicated to high-quality care for all, including the most vulnerable.



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In closing, once again thank you for all you do and have a great week ahead!

Sincerely,

Dennis D. Keefe

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President and Chief Executive Officer

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Care New England featured in PBS's "America Addicted"

Beginning today, PBS's NewsHour will broadcast both on air and online its series, "America Addicted," which focuses on how opioids are affecting communities throughout the country. The start of the series can be previewed here at <http://to.pbs.org/2xaqMzi>.



The series will highlight the work of The Providence Center, Anchor Recovery, and Care New England. The series features the work of each entity and their collaborative care in regards to the nation's opioid epidemic. The segments examine some of the different services for those in recovery.

Among the programs featured will be TPC's Men's Roads to Recovery residential treatment and the Women's Day Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP). PBS explores the peer-to-peer recovery movement and the services offered at Anchor Recovery Center. PBS also filmed a segment inside the Kent Hospital ED about the Anchor ED Program, which sends recovery coaches into hospitals to meet with overdose survivors.

Additionally, the piece centers around the personal story of Jonathan Goyer, Anchor MORE Program manager, who experienced an overdose five years ago and has since become one of Rhode Island's most vocal recovery advocates.

Butler Hospital holds annual fundraiser benefiting research

On Tuesday, September 19, 2017, Butler Hospital Foundation hosted a fundraising event, A Gallery Affair II, at the Providence Art Club. Through sponsorships and ticket sales, the event raised more than \$88,000 to benefit research. More than 140 guests attended, with a VIP reception hosted prior to the event in the main gallery. Sponsors for the event include da Vinci Presenting Sponsor ChemArt; Premier Sponsor Cox Business; and Rembrandt Sponsors Alvarez & Marsal Healthcare Industry Group, LLC, Hasbro, New England Laborers' Health and Safety Fund, and Sodexo.

Honored at the event was Corporation Member of the Year Margaret D. (Peggy) Farrel. Barbara and Brian Goldner, The Honorable Rhoda Perry, and Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH, representing the Rhode Island Department of Health, received the Lila M. Sapinsley Community Service Award to recognize their collective effort to pass the Alexander Perry and Brandon Goldner Act.



Pictured from left to right: Brian Goldner, Barbara Goldner, Dennis Keefe, Rhoda Perry, Margaret Farrell, Mary Marran, Patricia Thompson, John Sinnott.

Peggy Farrell's involvement with Butler Hospital and Care New England (CNE) goes back many years. She has served in a leadership capacity at both Butler and Women & Infants Hospitals. She was a longtime Butler Hospital board member, Butler Hospital Foundation member, and continues as an active participant on the Medical Matters Committee. She has been a supporter of many significant campaigns at Butler Hospital including gifts to the Geriatric Building Campaign, the Dr. Patricia Recupero Psychiatry Resident Fund for Excellence in Clinical Education, and the Aronson Chair for Neurodegenerative Disorders.

In addition to her leadership role at Butler Hospital, Peggy was instrumental in the formation of Care New England Health System and was one of CNE's original board members. At the CNE level, she is a member of numerous committees including Finance, Credentials, and Strategic Planning. She was also the recipient of the 2010 *Providence Business News* Business Women Career Achievement Award.

As a result of a personal tragedy with opioid addictions, the Goldners used their story to bring attention to the need for standards in hospital emergency rooms, including comprehensive discharge planning, the dispensing of naloxone to patients at risk, screening of patients for substance abuse, and education on the proper storage

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and disposal of prescription medications. Partnering with the Department of Health and with the support of The Honorable Rhoda Perry, the team worked to pass the Alexander Perry and Brandon Goldner Act, a bill designed to improve the care received by substance abusers when they are seen in an emergency room. Butler's Foundation and the Care New England Board voted to recognize these individuals for their work to establish emergency medicine standards related to addressing the opioid crisis that are the first of their kind in the United States.

Barbara Goldner, LICSW, and Brian Goldner, chairman and CEO of Hasbro, lost their son Brandon to a drug overdose. The Honorable Rhoda Perry, a longtime member of the Rhode Island Senate, lost her son Alexander to a drug overdose as well. Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health, co-chaired the Governor's Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force, the group responsible for developing the standards. Their collective mission is to bring awareness to the issue of opioid addiction and improve the care that substance abusers receive in the health care system.

The event co-chairs, Andrew Pelletier and John Sinnott, were supported by a volunteer planning committee and members of Butler's Board of Directors. In addition to helping to secure the sponsorships, the team raised more than \$4,000 through a silent auction of donated items including trips, artwork, and specialty items.

Anchor Recovery Center to hold job fair on October 6



The Providence Center's Anchor Recovery Community Center will be hosting a job fair on **Friday, October 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The event is open to the public, and will have more than 20 staffing agencies and representatives from employers with job openings. Information about education programs and training courses will also be provided.

Anchor offers peer recovery support to people from all backgrounds and any stage of recovery, and provides various employment services throughout the year. The job fair will conclude their "Employment Readiness Series," which took place in the month of September and featured trainings on resume writing, interviewing skills, and more. Visit <http://www.anchorrecovery.org/> to view Anchor's calendar and stay up-to-date on future job training events.

Anchor is located at 249 Main St. in Downtown Pawtucket.

Join us for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Join the Care New England Breast Health Centers at Kent and Women & Infants hospitals team for this year's American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Providence. The walk will be held on **Sunday, October 15** at Kennedy Plaza in Downtown Providence, with registration at 7:30 a.m. and the walk beginning at 9 a.m.



Register to walk or make a donation here <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/CareNewEngland>.

In addition, long-sleeve t-shirts with the "hope" logo pictured here and the CNE logo on the back will be sold for \$15 each, cash or check (made payable to American Cancer Society), with all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society/Making Strides.

T-shirts will be available for purchase on **October 12, 13 and 14** at:

- Kent Hospital Breast Health Center.
- Women & Infants Breast Health Center.
- Women & Infants Hospital (see Susan Senerchia in Administration from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- Butler Hospital campus, Potter Building (contact Amy Blustein at ext. 12822 or ablustein@carene.org).




Congratulations!



Congratulations to Jessica Espinoza who has been named the workforce strategy consultant by the 1199 Training and Upgrading Fund to work in partnership with Women & Infants Hospital and District 1199NE.

In her former capacity, Jessica worked for the education fund at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle Washington and SEIU 1199NW. She was responsible for workforce demographics and trends, designed and implemented effective programs with both union and management to avoid workforce shortages, and managed data analytics to show a return on workforce investment strategies.

Jessica is in the process of completing her masters of science in labor studies from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She earned her bachelor of arts from Portland State University. She is an interpreter and fluent in Spanish. She has a passion for connecting educational and skill advancement with career opportunities. 



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