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Good afternoon! I hope you all had a great long weekend enjoying the kickoff to summer with the Memorial Day Holiday! Today, I have some exciting news to share regarding Integra. I am pleased to announce that following a national competition, Integra Community Care Network, LLC, Care New England's accountable care organization, has been awarded a technical assistance grant by The Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI). The resource grant is focused on securing Medicaid reimbursement for comprehensive asthma services that address environmental factors for asthma patients. Under the state of Rhode Island Medicaid Accountable Entity program, Integra serves approximately 45,000 Rhode Islanders. The State of Rhode Island Department of Health's Home Asthma Response Program—a Centers for Disease Control and Environmental Protection Agency recognized leader in asthma services—is a grant partner.

Comprehensive asthma services include home-based care and education as well as environmental remediation to address asthma triggers such as pests and mold. The goal is to achieve better health and quality of life outcomes for families while also lowering health care costs through the reduction of asthma-related emergency department visits and hospitalizations.

The funding is part of GHHI's National Initiative for Asthma Reimbursement, which seeks to increase the number of quality comprehensive asthma programs while simultaneously working to increase the number of health plans serving Medicaid populations and/or state Medicaid programs that reimburse for these services. Healthy Homes Des Moines, Iowa is the other program being awarded funding by GHHI.

Congratulations to everyone at Integra who worked on this important project and for the work going on every day. You continue to serve as a great example of ACO leadership, community commitment, and dedication.

Have a great week ahead.

Sincerely,

James E. Fanale, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer

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R.I. celebrates PBN Business Women honorees—CNE's own recognized



The Providence Business News held its 2018 Business Women Awards ceremony last week, honoring the success of women from across Rhode Island. This year, Colleen Ramos, vice president of finance at Women & Infants, was honored for her work as a Health Care Services Industry Leader.

In winning the award, Colleen was described as, “an expert in financial management, a mentor who loves to teach, a leader who gets the most out of her team while ensuring they continue to grow professionally, and a respected and treasured asset.” We believe she is all of that and more. Please join us in congratulating Colleen on receiving this prestigious award.

BUTLER

Butler Hospital sets ‘Zero Suicide’ goal for patients

A new initiative by Butler Hospital aims to reduce to zero the number of lives lost by suicide for 30 days after discharge from inpatient or day program treatment, through greater outreach and connection with family and community. The initiative was recently featured on front page of *The Providence Journal*. Read an excerpt of the article below and view the full story at <https://bit.ly/2seMnSm>.

“Diane Block, Butler’s director of quality and patient experience, is among those spearheading implementation of Zero Suicide, which will be formally announced Wednesday evening at the hospital’s annual fundraiser, at the Providence Art Club. She compares the suicide initiative to other patient-safety movements outside of psychiatry, such as the goals many hospitals have set to achieve zero wrong-side operations. As with those, the suicide number was chosen deliberately.



Diane Block, director of quality and patient experience, and research psychiatrist, Michael Arney. Photo courtesy of The Providence Journal.

“If you don’t say zero, what is an acceptable number?” Block said. “There is no other acceptable number.”

Achieving it will mean an effort involving staff from the executive to clinical level, Block said, all in accord with a national movement led by the Zero Suicide in Health and Behavioral Healthcare organization, which offers guidance and other resources and receives support from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Among the issues Butler will address, Block said: “How often do you assess someone for suicide? How do we help you monitor risks? Are we using the same language throughout the hospital? Is it in one place in the medical record where you find out about suicide risk?”

Critical, she said, is the transition back to the community. “When you leave the hospital, we’re making a commitment to share that risk of suicide that we understand a patient has with whoever the caregiver, family members or outpatient providers are for that patient.”

According to data posted on the state Department of Health’s website, Rhode Island experienced 127 deaths by suicide last year, making it the 12th leading cause of death.

Block said that more than 15 years have passed since a Butler patient has died of suicide during inpatient treatment. “It is more difficult to quantify how many deaths by suicide have occurred within 30 days of discharge from inpatient or partial hospital care as reporting is currently dependent on other institutions and individuals,” she said.

“Currently, Butler is informed by either the Medical Examiners’ Office or a family member of confirmed suicides of patients within 30 days of discharge. Since 2011, 26 deaths of Butler patients within 30 days of treatment have been reported; however, we are not confident this number accurately illustrates the issue. This is why establishing data collection practices and defining measurements of effectiveness are a component of Butler’s action plan.”

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Another key to Zero Suicide will be research by a team led by Butler's Michael Arney, associate professor in the Department of Psychosocial Research at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and an expert in suicidology.

"We're looking at things like emotional responding to stress," Arney said, observing an individual's reactions to certain images, for example to "tap into some of the things that people might be hiding or might not themselves be aware of that might be markers for suicide risk in the future." A patient's eye movements and tone of voice may hold clues."

KENT

A celebration of survivorship

On May 11, The Breast Health Center at Kent celebrated its eighth annual Survivorship Day—Savor the Sweet Life. Cancer survivors, their family, friends, and caregivers joined together at the Crowne Plaza Hotel to celebrate their journey and listen to Care New England experts discuss the latest in oncology research and treatment, as well as offer guidance for life after a cancer diagnosis. Speakers included:



- Jessica Laprise, MS, CGC: "What's new in genetic testing for breast cancer"
- Nike Kendall, LICSW; Diane Thompson, LICSW; Sandra Salzillo, CBFA-MA, CAGS, LMHC: "The psychological intervention in oncology"
- Rebecca Stocker, PT, DPT, CLT: "Get fit after cancer"
- Todd E. Handel, MD: "Is marijuana right for you? How does it work, where do I begin?"

Attendees also enjoyed aroma therapy, manicures, massages, spring refreshments, sweet treats, lunch, and—most of all—one another's company.

THE PROVIDENCE CENTER

The Providence Center holds Maynard Society gathering



Left photo, from left to right: Charley Maynard and Deborah O'Brien with 2018 Maynard Society members Lou Casale, Frank Casale, and Jim Pinel.
Right photo: Patty Donahue.



Last week, The Providence Center (TPC) held its annual Charles E. Maynard (CEM) Society gathering at the historic Hope Club in Providence. This special ceremony, named in honor of The Providence Center's founder, was established to acknowledge donors who have made a significant investment of \$10,000 or more to TPC.

This year's guest speaker was Patty Donahue, a TPC school clinician who provides behavioral health services to students at George J. West Elementary School in Providence. Her work is part of TPC's School Counseling and Support Program, which embeds clinicians in seven elementary and middle schools in Providence to offer individual counseling, family counseling, parent training, support groups, and assessments.

"With this program, we have helped more than 325 children to learn strategies to combat anger and anxiety," said Donahue. "We've worked to teach children in crisis how to communicate their concerns and to begin to develop coping skills to live happy and healthy lives."

For more info about the program, visit <https://bit.ly/2qbvRRm>.

Care New England Marketing Team honored

Each year, the New England Society for Healthcare Communications joins together for its spring conference and Lamplighter Awards. With more than 20 major categories and hundreds of entries each year, the Lamplighter Awards truly recognizes the best of the best. The following five CNE projects were honored last week:



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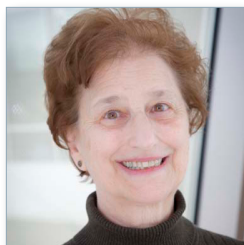
Lamplighter Awards

- Butler Hospital – Honest Conversations – Gold award in the category Cause/Social Marketing
- Kent Hospital – Surgical Weight Loss Webinar – Gold award in the category Social/New Media
- Women & Infants – Obstetrics Certificate of Need – Gold award in the category Public Relations
- Women & Infants – Trusted microsite – Silver award in the category Website, Microsite
- Women & Infants – Fertility Coverage for Oncology Patients – Silver award in the category Potpourri

Congratulations to our marketing team and to all involved in these terrific projects.

WOMEN & INFANTS

Dr. Betty Vohr receives Distinguished Alumna Award



Betty R. Vohr, MD, director of the Neonatal Follow-Up Program at Women & Infants Hospital and medical director of the Rhode Island Hearing Assessment Program, was the recipient of the Albany Medical College Alumni Association 2018 Distinguished Alumna Award for her pioneering work as a clinician and researcher dedicated to improving the lives of high-risk premature infants and infants with hearing loss.

The award honors an alumnus who has earned national recognition for outstanding leadership in health care. A 1966 graduate of Albany Medical College, Dr. Vohr is a professor of pediatrics at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. She was national coordinator of follow-up studies for the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Neonatal

Research Network between 1990 to 2016 and has published more than 300 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals.

She received the award at Albany Medical College during Reunion Weekend held April 27 and 28 in Albany, New York. While on campus, she also presented the Distinguished Alumna Lecture, "The Power of Language," which covered her research and clinical work with premature infants and infants with hearing loss.

CARE NEW ENGLAND

Join a Care New England team at the Heart Walk

The Southern New England Heart Walk brings more than 6,000 walkers together for a two-mile and 3.5-mile walk that is fueled by the movement to be Healthy For Good. Healthy For Good is designed to rally millions of Americans to live healthier lives, inspire a lasting change, and unify people around the simple idea that making a small change today can create a difference for generations to come. The walk will be held on **Sunday, June 3**, at Station Park in Providence. Registration and pre-walk activities at 7 a.m. and the walk starts at 8:30 a.m. Follow these steps to register as a Care New England team member:

- Visit <http://www.sneheartwalk.org>.
- Click the "REGISTER" button on the top right hand of the screen.
- Select "Join a Team."
- If you would like to be a team captain and start your own team, select "Start a Team."
- Select "Join as a NEW Participant" or enter your returning user credentials.
- Under team name, type in the name of the team you would like to join.
- Select "Care New England" from the Team Company dropdown.
- Click "Search for a Team."
- Under the search results, click "Join" next to team Care New England.
- Fill out the prompts to complete your registration. Start fundraising!



Contact the heart walk team at sneheartwalk@heart.org for help. 