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Good morning! It is hard to believe how fast the summer goes by! It's been a hot one and the same can be said for the Red Sox! For those fans out there, I hope you are enjoying this exciting season so far.

The same can be said for Care New England—it has been an increasingly exciting time to be part of the change taking place thanks to all of your hard work. Just last week we announced another important initiative, this one bringing together CNE, Partners HealthCare, and Brown University. I am sure by now you have heard this news. We will continue to keep you posted on the progress we make toward a final agreement, but it is clear this represents a unique opportunity for furthering academic training, advancing research, spurring the economy, and most importantly, doing what's right for our patients.

In other exciting and important news, we will be releasing our FY 2018 Q3 financials later today. Briefly though, I am happy to report that the Obligated Group—I know everyone knows from our Town Hall meetings that this is all of the CNE operating units excluding Memorial—has seen six consecutive months of positive gains from operations totaling \$9 million. For Q3 alone, the group has achieved a \$4.6 million gain from operations. When you factor in Memorial, CNE as a whole has achieved a positive gain of \$.8 million from operations.

I am also pleased to tell you the most recent Fitch Ratings Report has affirmed our BB rating while revising our rating outlook to positive. This is clearly an acknowledgement of all of your hard work! We can't ease up now, but it is something we should all be proud of.

Finally, as I mentioned in my Operations Message last week, we continue to move the process forward with Partners. We are diligently preparing filings to begin the regulatory process. More to come on those details in the days ahead.

In closing, thank you for helping make all these accomplishments possible! Thank you for coming to our Town Hall meetings and for speaking up! I appreciate your involvement, feedback, and tremendous work.

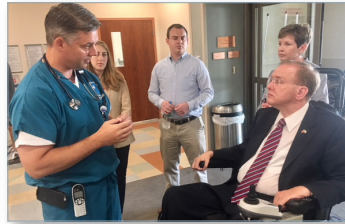
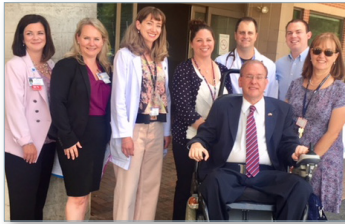
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Congressman Langevin visits Kent Hospital



Rhode Island Congressman Jim Langevin joined Kent hospital leadership and staff for an informal roundtable and tour of the Emergency Department last week.

Topics included the ongoing quality and safety efforts being implemented at the hospital, concerns around drug shortages, protection of the 340B Discount Drug program, and

proposed regulations from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that would reduce payments to hospital-owned outpatient clinics by nearly 50 percent.

KENT

Service above self



Father David Ricard, recently retired director of pastoral care at Kent Hospital (although he continues to work part time) and priest-in-residence at St. Gregory the Great Church in Cowesett, was honored by the Rotary Club of Warwick with the Hayden Bentley Award. The late Hayden Bentley was a charter member of the Warwick club and a past Rotary district governor. The award is presented annually to a non-Rotarian for their community service.

Father Ricard was recognized for his compassionate work at the hospital and in the community, as well as directing the Kent Employee Emergency Program (KEEP) at the hospital. In his remarks, Father Ricard joked that he attempted to convert the late Father Howard Olsen, pastor of the Episcopal

St. Barnabas Church and a Rotarian, to Catholicism. He said that failed, "But I did get him to drink a better gin." On a serious note, he talked of the work of Rotary. "You have been there for us," he said of community work, "We have done this together." Presenting the award is former club president Tom Celona. Excerpt and photo courtesy of *The Warwick Beacon*.

THE PROVIDENCE CENTER

Anchor director participates in Washington, DC recovery panel



Recently, Deb Dettor, director of Recovery Support Services for The Providence Center's Anchor Recovery Centers, was selected to participate in a first-of-its-kind national research advisory panel in Washington, DC. The Technical Expert Panel on Research and Evaluation for Recovery Support Services was set up so that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and other national funders could receive input from national experts in the recovery field. The panel was facilitated by John Kelly, PhD, ABPP, from the Harvard Medical School and

Recovery Research Institute, and Tom Hill, MA, from the National Council for Behavioral Health.

Dettor was asked to present on recovery community centers. "I was greatly honored to be invited to speak, and was able to forge connections with researchers who are excited about Anchor's work and are interested in studying Anchor program outcomes," said Dettor. With programs like Anchor ED (recovery coaching in hospital emergency rooms), MORE (mobile outreach recovery coaching), and Department of Corrections-based recovery coaching, Anchor is viewed as a national leader in the peer recovery field.

"Perhaps most promising about recovery support services is that they lead to better recovery outcomes with a significantly lower price tag," said Dettor. "Current research indicates that 50 to 60 percent of individuals suffering from addiction will achieve full sustained remission, and studies are underway to determine how the use of community-based recovery support will improve this statistic."

Erika F. Werner, MS, MD, named director of Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Erika F. Werner, MS, MD, has been named director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Women & Infants Hospital. Dr. Werner has been serving as interim director since March 2018.

This appointment follows a national search, during which Dr. Werner's prominence and expertise in the field of maternal-fetal medicine shone. Her vision for the division will focus the entire team on excellence in clinical care, research, and education.

Dr. Werner is an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology and associate professor of epidemiology, Research Scholar Track, at The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. She has been a tremendous asset to the department and the institution since her arrival in 2013.

Board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and in maternal-fetal medicine, Dr. Werner's research and clinical interests include obstetrical complications of obesity, gestational diabetes, operative deliveries, and preterm birth. She has also published extensively on cost effective medical practices. 