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Good afternoon,

I hope you all took time to enjoy some fireworks and Fourth of July celebrations with friends and family last week. We certainly had great weather for it!

This week, I'd like to take a moment to congratulate The Stroke Program at Kent Hospital for their exceptional work and recent recognition. Year over year, this program has gone above and beyond to provide the best possible care to our patients by continuously earning distinctions such as The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Heart-Check mark.

Recently, The Stroke Program at Kent received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines® Target: Stroke Honor Roll Gold plus Quality Achievement Award for the third time.

This award recognizes Kent's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines using the latest scientific evidence. Kent earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients. This included evaluating the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments, aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients.

Kent additionally received the association's Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll award. To qualify for this recognition, Kent had to meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient's arrival and treatment with tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke.

It is an honor to be recognized by another distinguished organization such as the American Heart Association for our commitment to quality stroke care. I want to thank all of those involved in making this honorable achievement a reality,



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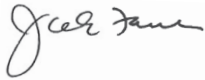
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especially Arshad Iqbal, MD; Susan Moore, BSN, RN, nursing director; and all staff members of the Stroke Program at Kent Hospital.

As a system, we always strive to provide the best Quality, Service, and Access to our community, and it is wonderful to see such great strides being made to continually achieve these goals. You should all be proud of what we have accomplished together so far as a health care system and what we will continue to accomplish together.

Sincerely,



James E. Fanale, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer

KENT HOSPITAL

Kent Hospital nurse wins scholarship from *The Spirit of Nursing* fund



On Friday, June 28, Nicole Jarvis, RN, was presented with a scholarship for her essay on the significance of Florence Nightingale's pledge. She was among several applicants for the scholarship based on a book of stories written last year by 43 nurses in Rhode Island. The stories included in the book, *The Spirit of Nursing*, draw upon more than a thousand cumulative years of clinical practice. The primary goal of writing this book was to generate revenue for a scholarship fund for aspiring RN-BS/BSN nurses. The second, but equally important objective, was to create a legacy for professionals who have been involved in the field locally. Among the 43 authors were the following Care New England nurses: Virginia Wilcox, Deb Quirk, Ellen O'Rourke, Lisa Johnson, Rebecca Jones, Patti Bonzagni, Kathy O'Connell, and Colleen Moynihan.

Since March, 2019, *The Spirit of Nursing* has sold more than 600 copies in 20 states and is considered for several nursing curriculums. It is available in the Kent Hospital Gift Shop.

Nicole is pictured here with Virginia Wilcox, MSN, RN, CCRN, CNML, nurse manager; Christine Parker, gift shop manager; her mother, Donna Rouillard, CNA; and her sister, Sarah Rouillard, CNA. Warmest congratulations to Nicole, her essay so reflected *The Spirit of Nursing*!

For more information, please contact Donna Horrocks at spiritofnursingproject@gmail.com.

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Swim Across America 2019



Women & Infants and the national non-profit organization Swim Across America (SAA) will make waves in the fight against cancer with the tenth annual SAA Rhode Island Swim. The event will take place on **Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Roger Wheeler State Beach in Narragansett, RI**, beginning at 8 a.m. This year, we hope to surpass the one million dollar total to support oncology research at Women & Infants. Bring your friends and family, we are happy to have any volunteers who are at least 12 years old and are interested in helping or may need community service hours! Every volunteer gets a t-shirt, breakfast, lunch, and the chance to support cancer research and cancer survivors across Rhode Island. To sign up or learn more about this inspirational event, contact Ivan Colon at (401) 921-8509 or icolon@carene.org. Register for the event online at www.swimacrossamerica.org/site/TR/OpenWater/RhodeIsland?pg=entry&fr_id=5105.



THE PROVIDENCE CENTER

ICYMI: The Providence Center's Linda Taveras featured on Turn to 10's Health Check Kids town hall

On Saturday, June 29, WJAR-10 Health Check reporter Barbara Morse Silva led a town-hall style discussion on pediatric mental health. The Providence Center's Linda Taveras, associate director of child and family services, was interviewed as one of four panelists, including a child psychiatrist from Bradley Hospital, the director of the child anxiety program at the University of Rhode Island, and a student who struggled with a mental health disorder at a young age.

The 30 minute segment addressed topics such as the myths and reality about pediatric mental health, discussed some of the most common pediatric mental health disorders, and provided signs and symptoms for parents to watch for. It further discussed parenting do's and don'ts and practices that can hurt more than help.

Jose Ploude, a graduate of the Met School's class of 2019 also discussed his own struggles with anxiety, depression, and an eating disorder, and the ways he was able to overcome those issues.

The segment concluded by discussing what programs are available, including those offered by The Providence Center, both in schools and the community, and listed some of the counseling strategies that have proved effective for children and teens. There was also discussion of suicide rates being the highest on record as a result of bullying on social media.

The program, which can be viewed [here](#), shed light on pediatric mental health disorders and assisted parents, who may not know where to go to get help, with finding the necessary resources.

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Annual system-wide mandatory education

Care New England is introducing a system-wide core curriculum for annual mandatory education, also known as “mandatories,” through the [HealthStream](#) learning management system.

This core curriculum will apply to all CNE operating units and include modules in the following subject areas: Safety, Quality, Risk, Infection Prevention and Control, Human Resources, HIPAA & Compliance, and Environment of Care. **The core curriculum was assigned on June 1, 2019 with a completion date of November 30, 2019.** We recommend you pace yourself, please do not let the marathon become a sprint; you have six months to complete all assignments.

Most courses will now include a pre-assessment to provide workforce members with strong existing knowledge of a subject area an opportunity to “test out” of a course if passed with an 80 percent or higher on the first attempt. There may also be some operating unit-specific or role-based courses not included in the system-wide core curriculum that will be assigned separately. Butler Hospital will continue to its practice of conducting an annual Education Fair, covering the same curriculum.

If you have questions regarding HealthStream or your annual mandatory education assignment, please contact TeamHS@CareNE.org.

If you are having technical difficulties logging into HealthStream or need your password reset, please contact the help desk at (401) 921-1000 (ext. 11000 internally) or HelpDesk@CareNE.org.