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Good afternoon,

Milestones in health care are important for many reasons. They mark a moment in time for breakthroughs that will forever make a difference, change lives, and most importantly, save lives.

Care New England is fortunate to have two organizations that are celebrating important milestones this year as we recognize 175 years of Butler Hospital's service to the community, and 50 years for The Providence Center.

It's often easy to think about these moments in terms of bricks and mortar – the stately Butler campus located off Blackstone Boulevard or the many TPC facilities in and around the heart of our communities. While that is one important element, I prefer to reflect on how, for the past 225 collective years, these institutions have helped so many.

The commitment and dedication of both organizations is evident in the care, research, and opportunity provided by clinicians, staff, counselors, recovery coaches, leadership, and others.



Butler Hospital



The Providence Center

They are there day-in and day-out. They do it for the many, the few, and even just the one who might feel desperately alone and lost.

While there will be much more to celebrate and to be said in the weeks and months ahead, today I just want to say that I am thankful for Butler Hospital and The Providence Center. Of course, I am thankful for all of CNE, but today and in this special year of celebration, we all should be thankful for the difference they continue to make now and for many, many years to come.

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Congratulations to everyone who makes Butler and TPC shine!

In addition, I would also like to add that we will be holding another round of employee Town Halls this month. Please feel free to attend whichever time is convenient.

Sincerely,



James E. Fanale, MD  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Employee Town Halls	
Tuesday, August 20   3:30 p.m.	Butler Hospital, Ray Hall
Friday, August 23   8:30 a.m.	The Providence Center, Community Room
Friday, August 23   12 noon	CNEMG Primary Care & Specialty Services Building, Pawtucket
Tuesday, August 27   2 p.m.	Women & Infants Hospital, South Pavilion 1 & 2
Thursday, August 29   1 p.m.	Kent Hospital, Doctor's Auditorium A & B
Thursday, August 29   2 p.m.	Service Avenue, Building 2, Lunch Room

## THE PROVIDENCE CENTER

### The Providence Center's DeSean Duncan featured in *The Boston Globe*



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On July 27, in an article titled, "In a flash of clarity, lives marred by drugs find meaning," by *The Boston Globe*, Anchor Recovery's DeSean Duncan, peer recovery specialist, shared his story of addiction and hardship. A former gang member, expelled from three high schools for misbehavior, Duncan was so much more than what his addiction dictated he become.

Once president of his high school class, interested in becoming a history teacher, he felt his first sense of purpose when he attended a summer program in the Boston area which engaged inner-city youth in social justice programs.

One insightful case manager realized Duncan's potential and changed the course of his life. Having failed in inpatient care, the case worker tried a different approach, an outpatient facility where he would spend

days in treatment while living at home. With the help of Suboxone and treatment for bipolar disorder that previously went undiagnosed, Duncan was able to focus on his own strengths, aspirations, and self-empowerment during his journey to recovery.

He now works as a peer recovery specialist for The Providence Center's Anchor Recovery, helping others suffering from the perils of addiction, in the same manner he once did. DeSean praises *The Boston Globe* for sharing his story, stating, "It was an honor. I hope the story will inspire others and let them know that there is hope for change."

Anchor Recovery Community Centers offer a supportive environment for individuals in all stages of recovery. Their peer recovery specialists help people find recovery along the many pathways that are available. Anchor staff strives to build the bridge to recovery through centers, emergency rooms, and out in the community. To learn more about Anchor recovery, visit [anchorrecovery.org](http://anchorrecovery.org), or to read the complete article, click [here](#).

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## Women & Infants' CME program granted maximum six-year accreditation with commendation

The Rhode Island Medical Society's Continuing Medical Education (CME) Committee granted Women & Infants' CME program its maximum six-year Accreditation with Commendation. Deborah Myers, MD, director of medical education, and Judith Gould, CME coordinator, were praised for the effective management and implementation of CME activities for the medical staff. Robert Insoft, MD, senior vice president for quality and chief medical officer, participated in the interview accreditation process and was mentioned for representing the Hospital's strong support for the program.

Included in the Medical Society's list of comments was the effective use of activity evaluations, particularly the annual December survey of its OB/GYN Grand Rounds attendees to implement change and bring forward needed topics. These procedures enable vigilant oversight of the CME program.

Judith Gould also recently spoke at the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Medical Societies' 2019 Annual Accreditation Conference held in Waltham, Massachusetts. There she outlined and distributed forms and procedures developed by Women & Infants that encourage participation from physicians and other educational experts.

Women & Infants' CME program highlights the improvement of patient outcomes as its overall goal. All of Women & Infants' activities, either by improving competence and/or performance, ideally lead to improved patient outcomes. This program designs activities that are intended to change competence, performance and /or patient outcomes of our physicians by requiring program planners to identify the desired outcomes and the steps to change physician practice.

## Let's kickoff the American Diabetes Association® Tour de Cure



As a continuation of our commitment to the American Diabetes Association® (ADA), Care New England will be sponsoring the 2019 Tour de Cure on September 29, 2019, at the University of Rhode Island. This year, Dr. Fanale also has the honor of serving as event chair! The event will raise critical funding to help fight diabetes to support the ADA's mission to prevent, cure, and improve the lives of all those affected by diabetes.

We are encouraging all riders, walkers, and runners of all levels to help us meet or, hopefully, surpass our goal of raising \$15,000. We're also looking for someone from each operating unit to provide assistance with participation, recruitment, and/or serve as team captains. If interested, join us at one of our kickoff events, listed below.

### **August 20, 2019 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Butler Hospital: Arboretum  
Service Ave: Building 2, 2nd Floor

### **August 21, 2019 | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Women & Infants Hospital: Cafeteria  
Kent Hospital: Cafeteria

A representative from Care New England will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. We can do great things when we come together, both inside and outside the walls of our organization! If you are interested in participating in the event, please [visit our team page](#) for further details at [main.diabetes.org/site/TR?company\\_id=26274&fr\\_id=12753&pg=company](http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR?company_id=26274&fr_id=12753&pg=company).

We would also like to take a moment to thank our OU team captains!

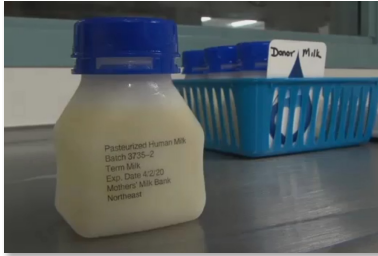
- Kent: Leslie Jackson
- TPC: Jessica Crowe and Christopher Jordan
- VNA: David Carroll
- Women & Infants: Dr. Ken Chen, Lauren Talbert, and Anthony Brunetti

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## KENT HOSPITAL

## ICYMI: Kent Hospital featured in ABC6 “Rhode to Motherhood” segment



Laurie Chatterley, advanced nurse clinician in the Kent Hospital Women's Center, was interviewed for a WLNE-TV ABC6 news “Rhode to Motherhood” segment on Kent's Pasteurized Donor Human Milk Program. In the interview, she discussed how the program works, the reasons why a new mom would enter into this program, and the many benefits it presents for both mother and baby. Watch the full interview here: [abc6.com/story/40914114/kent-offers-donor-milk-as-breastfeeding-alternative-for-newborns](http://abc6.com/story/40914114/kent-offers-donor-milk-as-breastfeeding-alternative-for-newborns).

## WOMEN &amp; INFANTS

## Up to \$50,000 available for women's health innovation research

The Request for Proposals for the 2019 Constance A. Howes Women's Health Innovation Research Fund (CAH Fund) Grant Program is now available. The CAH Fund, generously supported by donors to Women & Infants Hospital, fosters innovative research leading to significant advances in women's health. Both basic science and clinical research projects are encouraged. Finalists will be invited to present their projects to a panel of scientific advisors and donors to the CAH Fund. The fund honors the vision and leadership of Connie Howes, and provides seed funding for pilot studies that propel research ideas to the next level of funding. The fund has supported nine highly innovative projects so far and leveraged multiple publications and additional grant awards.

The RFP is available on [carenet](http://carenet) [here](http://carenet). Applications are due on Friday, October 11, 2019. Please email [CAHFund@carene.org](mailto:CAHFund@carene.org) with any questions about this grant program.

## CARE NEW ENGLAND

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:HelpDesk@CareNE.org).

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

KENT HOSPITAL

### APDA (American Parkinson Disease Association) Optimism Walk Saturday, September 7 | 9 a.m. | Goddard State Park, East Greenwich, RI



Please join Kent Rehabilitation for this year's APDA (American Parkinson Disease Association) Optimism Walk in Goddard State Park, on Saturday, September 7. This is a great community event to support patients and caregivers, as well as a major fundraiser for the Rhode Island chapter of the APDA.

Come out for a fun-filled, family day and make a difference in the lives of those with Parkinson's disease! There will be indoor and outdoor

entertainment throughout the day provided by Luke Renchan Entertainment, as well as a full picnic, children's games, raffle prizes, and so much more! Arrival time for the event is 9 a.m. with the 5k race beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will also be a 1.5k walk, which will begin at 11 a.m. (wheelchairs, strollers, and dogs are welcome).

To learn more, contact Mary Ellen Thibodeau, RN, at (401) 736-1046 or [MThibodeau@KentRI.org](mailto:MThibodeau@KentRI.org). Register online today at [apdaparkinson.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=8560](http://apdaparkinson.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.team&teamID=8560).

CARE NEW ENGLAND

### CNE Community Health Fair Saturday, September 21 | 10 a.m to 4 p.m. | Women & Infants South Pavilion



The upcoming Care New England Community Health Fair hosted by Women & Infants and sponsored by the CNE Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council will be held on Saturday, September 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Women & Infants South Pavilion.

The fair will include clinical experts from across Care New England, in addition to more than 25 vendors who will be providing health and wellness tips and information, education programs, and health screenings such as blood pressure and blood sugar checks, and skin cancer screenings. There will also be food trucks, kid's activities, and much more.

The community health fair will also kick off a monthly health literacy series sponsored by the CNE Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council and will include health and wellness community programs to address the mind, body, and spirit. Please [share the event on Facebook](#) to spread the word to friends and family!

**Volunteers are needed** and are scheduled in two hour blocks from 8 to 10 a.m., 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 12 noon to 2 p.m., and 2 to 4 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering please fill out this electronic form [forms.gle/9CYp8uUFC936udey6](https://forms.gle/9CYp8uUFC936udey6).

If you would like to host a table, or for more information, please contact Jai-me at [JPotterrutledge@wihri.org](mailto:JPotterrutledge@wihri.org).

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## Jammin' to Save Lives

Sunday, September 22 | 4 to 8 p.m. | The Met, Pawtucket, RI



Butler Hospital is hosting a charity concert called "Jammin' to Save Lives" on Sunday, September 22, 2019, from 4 to 8 p.m. at The Met in Pawtucket, RI. The concert will feature Back Bay Brew with special guest Steve Smith and The Naked. Both bands have been continuously performing in New England for more than 45 years, and Frankie Rossi, former band leader of the well-known Rhode Island band Cover to Cover, will perform with his one-time band Back Bay Brew.

Tickets are only \$20 and may be purchased at the door or [online](#). All proceeds will go directly to Butler Hospital's Zero Suicide Initiative.