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I wanted to share an update with everyone about the tremendous accomplishments of Butler Hospital's Art and History Committee.

What started as a volunteer-led grass roots effort in 2016, turned into a year of finding and organizing historical artifacts and works of art, and ultimately the completion of the Hall of Plaques project in 2017. Since then, several artists have displayed their paintings in the Center House Stairs Gallery – including Audrey Tyrka, MD, PhD, director of the Laboratory for Clinical and Translational Neuroscience and the director of research at Butler.

The Art and History Committee has also made significant progress with its Adopt-a-Hallway initiative, making a significant improvement to a cosmetically damaged area on the second floor of the Goddard Building. This transformation was completed without any investment other than the time and effort to see it through, though that is not to be underestimated.

As we approach the 175th anniversary of the hospital's founding, the Art and History Committee has begun working on the creation and installation of a historical timeline that will live in the main hall of the Riverview Building at Butler. This permanent exhibit will tell the story of Butler Hospital's evolution, as well as the story of caring for those who sought treatment within its walls. To support this effort, the Art and History Committee will host its annual event at Ray Hall on Wednesday, February 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. The evening will include food, music, and art, with a focus on this exhibit. You can learn more about the event and [reserve your tickets here](#).

In addition, 2019 will also mark the 50th anniversary of The Providence Center. We look forward to celebrating the longevity and important clinical contributions of both organizations to Care New England, but more importantly, the community at-large!

As always, thank you for all of your hard work.

Sincerely,

James E. Fanale, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer



Breast Health Center at Kent Hospital earns national accreditation



The [Breast Health Center](#) at Kent Hospital, a Care New England hospital, has been granted a three-year, full accreditation designation by the [National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers \(NAPBC\)](#), a program administered by the American College of Surgeons. The NAPBC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to the improvement of the quality of care and monitoring of outcomes of patients with diseases of the breast.

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The surveyor recognized the depth and strength of the program, noting that “...the Breast Health Center at Kent is an outstanding jewel of a community breast program, with the benefits of a small community and the strengths of a partnership with an academic tertiary center.” The Center opened in January of 2010, and has received full NAPBC accreditation three times since its inception.

“The entire teams at both the Breast Health and Women’s Diagnostic Imaging Centers played a pivotal role in our ability to maintain this important accreditation,” said Candace Dyer, MD, director of the Breast Health Center. “In particular, the work of nurse navigator Dawn Sheehan, mammography supervisor Susan Vachon, and ultrasound supervisor Linda Lauzon was instrumental to this effort.”

WOMEN & INFANTS

Constance A. Howes Women’s Health Innovation Research Fund awards two grants

Women & Infants Hospital has awarded two approximately \$25,000 grants from the Constance A. Howes Women’s Health Innovation Research Fund. The research fund, which has raised more than \$500,000, was established in 2014 with contributions from more than 150 donors to honor former hospital president Constance A. Howes and to support research studies that advance women’s health and gender-based research.



E. Christine Brousseau



Jennifer Ribeiro

The two awardees are E. Christine Brousseau, MD, MPH, of the Women & Infants’ Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology’s Division of Research; and Jennifer Ribeiro, PhD, of Women & Infants’ Program in Women’s Oncology.

Dr. Brousseau’s clinical project is entitled “A Pilot Study to Improve Contraceptive Access to an Underserved Population of Women.” This project focuses on access to preventive health care for women who have been previously incarcerated.

Dr. Ribeiro’s basic science project is entitled “Identification of relevant immune regulators in epithelial ovarian cancer.” This project seeks

to identify genes and immune cell populations specifically relevant to epithelial ovarian cancer that help a tumor escape elimination by the immune system.

These investigators, selected from an impressive pool of applicants, presented their projects in December to a panel of scientific advisors and donors to the Constance A. Howes 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 seven highly innovative projects so far, and leveraged multiple publications and additional grant awards including a large-scale Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) grant.

90 case managers participate in TPC career ladder

Six months ago, The Providence Center rolled out its case manager career ladder program, and 90 case managers, almost all staff, have signed up to participate. The program is part of a Care New England workforce development initiative in partnership with Apprenticeship RI to promote professional practice and competency as well as improve recruitment and retention.

The program is divided into three levels, each of which requires between 500 and 2,000 training hours and includes a salary increase upon completion. The levels require a number of education courses and mastery of specific competencies, which include:

- **Understanding of TPC programs and their benefits to the clients.**
- **Ability to navigate community service organizations.**
- **Effective management of crisis situations and how to respond.**
- **Ability to effectively communicate with clients, their families, and care team(s).**



Pictured here are some of the case managers who have progressed in the ladder (left to right): Brandi Simon, Robin Young, Tara Zorabedian, Niurka Quinonez, and Sherifat Adegoke.

[Click here](#) to read more about the program. For questions, please contact Jillian Pastina at jpastina@carene.org.

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Influenza widespread; Masking required of unvaccinated health care workers

Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH, director of the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), has issued a [Declaration of Widespread Flu Incidence Statewide](#). This declaration triggers Rhode Island's regulations requiring all health care workers who have not been immunized against influenza to wear a surgical mask during all times of direct patient contact.

Vaccination continues to be the most effective way for individuals to protect themselves and their families from a disease which kills many Rhode Islanders each year and which causes the hospitalization of hundreds. RIDOH is urging all Rhode Islanders to be immunized now for maximum protection against illness. In addition, RIDOH urges all health care workers and health care facilities to encourage hand washing and continue infection control measures.



A reminder from Infection Prevention – do not work if you are ill with flu symptoms. Working while sick places others at risk. You may return to work 24 hours after your fever has been gone while off fever-reducing medicines, and you can control your cough and secretions.

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CNE Information Security resources on carenet

Did you know that the Information Security team maintains a **carenet** page with tons of information on how to protect CNE and you from cyber criminals? We have links to topics like ransomware, password security, social engineering and phishing to name a few. We are constantly adding new topics of interest, all to help educate the CNE workforce on cybersecurity. Please check out the site when you have a few minutes at carenet/is/cyber-security/. SEC RITY is not complete without U!

