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Good afternoon,

Let me first start by wishing you a very healthy, happy new year! I hope the holiday season treated everyone well and that you were all able to enjoy time spent with family and friends.

For the past few months, and specifically in my last message, I discussed Care New England's commitment to Quality, Service, and Access and its paramount importance in our organization for the betterment of the communities we serve.

We are, and have always been, committed to fostering an equitable and inclusive environment in which all members of our community - including patients and their families, employees, volunteers, and individuals with whom we partner - work together in support of achieving the best results in those three areas.

As we move forward into the new year, it is our steadfast goal to sustain a safe and welcoming environment, where we can work respectfully and collaboratively.

In my last message, I also mentioned we are in the process of creating an electronic pledge, which will be presented soon, signifying our commitment to Quality, Service, and Access, as well as fostering an environment that is free from abuse, intimidation, harassment, violence, misconduct, and mistreatment of any kind.

Simply put, this pledge means we will consistently provide high-quality care to all patients at all times, exceptional service in all aspects of treatment, timely access to care for all, and ensure that our organization is one of value, respect, and the utmost dignity.

In addition, today marks the launch of our CNE Care program. Employees and their families will be able to schedule an appointment for services including cardiology, primary care, behavioral health, orthopedics, and outpatient testing. We will also be adding more services in the coming months and will provide updates as we move forward.

To access these services, employees can call (401) CareNow (227-3669) or visit carenewengland.org/cnecare.

Please join me in committing to a better, healthier future.

Thank you!
Sincerely,

James E. Fanale, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer

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WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

Firstborn baby of the New Year born at Women & Infants Hospital



Photo Credit: Providence Journal,
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Early New Year's morning, Katerin Oviedo Orellana and Luis Escobar welcomed the firstborn baby of the year, a beautiful baby girl, who they named Stephania Michelle Escobar Orellana. Stephania, who is now famous thanks to local media, was born at 1:14 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and was featured in [The Providence Journal](#), [Turnto10](#), and [WPRI 12](#).

BUTLER HOSPITAL

Butler Hospital's Dr. Sullivan addresses the issue of suicide in the media



James K. Sullivan, MD, CMO, Butler Hospital, chief of psychiatry, CNE, sat down with [WJAR-TV news reporter, Ashley Cullinane](#), to discuss parenting and mental health, following the tragic death of a mother and her two young children who died at a parking garage in Boston. Dr. Sullivan spoke about the various mental health resources available for parents in crisis. Dr. Sullivan also provided a quote to [Providence Journal reporter, G. Wayne Miller](#), about people in crisis contemplating suicide, and where they can find help.

BUTLER HOSPITAL

Butler Hospital's 175th anniversary featured on Steve Klamkin and the WPRO Saturday Morning News



Recently, Mary Marran, MS, OT, MBA, president and COO of Butler Hospital, appeared live on the air on [WPRO radio \(99.7FM / 630AM\)](#) to discuss Butler Hospital's 175th anniversary with Steve Klamkin and the WPRO Saturday Morning News. During her conversation with host Steve Klamkin, Mary highlighted Butler Hospital's long, rich history in the field of behavioral health care and the many beneficial programs and services it offers today.

CARE NEW ENGLAND

VNA and Kent Hospital Nurse Residency Program now accepting new applicants

The VNA Nurse Residency Program for New Graduate Home Health and Hospice Nurses is now accepting applications with an added second start date for the program, beginning in March of 2020. This is a great opportunity for motivated individuals who are passionate about community-based or hospice nursing and is targeted at nurses with less than one year of nursing experience. Nurse residents are hired as employees with full benefits and continued employment at the VNA upon completion of the program. For more information, [please visit the website here](#) or contact Lisa DiMaria, PhD, RN, nurse residency manager at Ldimaria@carene.org.

Additionally, Kent Hospital is also recruiting new nurses for their Graduate Nurse Residency Program. The next program start date is February 2020 and is aimed at new graduate nurses as an opportunity to grow professionally while continuing to learn in an interactive and simulation-based classroom environment with hands-on clinical experience. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please submit a resume and two letters of recommendation to Karen Wholey, professional practice coordinator, at kwholey@kentri.org or visit the website at: bit.ly/KentGME

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DATES TO REMEMBER

THE PROVIDENCE CENTER

Hot Club gives back

Wednesday, Jan. 8 | 5 to 8 p.m. | 25 Bridge St, Providence, RI

Join us on Wednesday, Jan. 8 between 5 and 8 p.m. at The Hot Club for dinner and drinks; 10 percent of sales raised during that time will benefit The Providence Center's Jim Gillen Teen Center. The Jim Gillen Teen Center is an environment that celebrates and helps facilitate recovery through dynamic programming, shared lived experience, and peer support. The staff of the Jim Gillen Teen Center enjoy the lived experience of long term recovery and are certified peer recovery coaches.

WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL

Schwartz Rounds: "Marijuana Use in Pregnancy: It's complicated"

Thursday, Jan. 9 | 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. | South Pavilion Auditoriums 1 and 2

Women & Infants will host the next Schwartz Center Rounds "Marijuana Use in Pregnancy: It's complicated" on Thursday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 a.m. in the South Pavilion Auditoriums 1 and 2. Upon completion of this conference, participants should be able to: 1.) Broaden awareness of current reporting requirements for marijuana use and ramifications at delivery; 2.) Describe optimal prenatal screening and the importance of consistent process; 3.) Explore the challenges patients who are using marijuana in pregnancy encounter.

KENT HOSPITAL

The Center for Surgical Weight Loss at Care New England | In-Person Seminar

Tuesday, Jan. 28 | 6 to 7:30 p.m. | Doctor's Auditorium A

Please join us and help spread the word for an in-person, community seminar taking place Tuesday, Jan. 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Doctor's Auditorium A at Kent Hospital. This is an opportunity for anyone interested in bariatric surgery to meet with our physicians to help you better understand the weight loss surgery process. After completion, you will be able to call to set up the first in-office appointment.