Codman Square Health Center Connection

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Mayor Marty Walsh addresses a packed crowd at Men of Boston Cook for Women's Health on October 2, 2014.

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John King, CNN Anchor; Peter Rait, Owner of Beacon Hill Hotel and Bistro; Mayor Marty Walsh; and Patrick Pass, New England Patriots Alum pose for a photo in between serving food at Men of Boston.

For the first time in its 17 years, Men of Boston Cook for Women's Health was celebrated in October to help recognize National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Over the course of Men of Boston's 17 events, Codman Square Health Center has raised over $2 million dollars for women's health programs in Dorchester with mammograms and breast cancer awareness playing a major role. Over 1,000 supporters of women's health made their way into Codman Square for one of Boston's largest on-site fundraisers on October 2nd. This year's Men of Boston featured 32 area restaurants including Dorchester favorites like Ashmont Grill and Shanti as well as Boston classics like Eastern Standard and Legal Seafoods.

Dorchester natives Mayor Marty Walsh, John King of CNN and Paul Wahlberg of Wahlbergers/Alma Nove, were among the many local celebrity chefs cooking up delicious food for the guests. For more photos and information on this year's event, visit www.menofboston.com.

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CODMAN NAMED A TOP 100 WOMEN-LED BUSINESS

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Codman Square Health Center has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Women-Led Businesses in Massachusetts! Under the leadership of CEO Sandra Cotterell, Codman has continued to grow and expand our reach here in Dorchester. Ms. Cotterell's vision and organization have helped the Health Center continue its efforts as a welcoming and caring medical home for the community. At the October 24th celebration of the women-led organizations, Sandra was announced as number 26 on the list of women business leaders. Codman is proud to have *The Commonwealth Institute* and *The Boston Globe Magazine* recognize our health center and Ms. Cotterell for our impact and effectiveness in living out our mission.

DELIVERING BACKPACKS ON BIKES

As part of a mind, body & spirit self-care initiative, Project LAUNCH took the opportunity to deliver back to school supplies on bikes. The backpacks full of supplies were given to Codman Square Health Center through a partnership with Cradles to Crayons. "We were hoping that by using our bikes instead of our cars for home visits we could show an alternative way to get exercise while commuting," stated Molly Mariano, Case Manager for Project LAUNCH. "We are also trying to promote a Hubway ride with the parents in our program. Lots of our families have expressed excitement about the idea! Even the moms who said they hadn't ridden in years were excited." Over 50 backpacks were distributed to Codman families right before the start of the school year. Project LAUNCH's next program will be The Roo Crew developmental playgroup.

Molly Mariano and Jacqueline Rue out on a bike delivery of backpacks to local families near Codman Square Health Center.

NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK LAUNCHES IN CODMAN SQUARE

Michael Curry, Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers Legislative Affairs Director & Senior Counsel; Cheryl Bartlett, Department of Public Health Commissioner; Sandra Cotterell, CEO Codman Square Health Center; and Secretary John Polanowicz, Massachusetts Health and Human Services.

Each year the second week in August is dedicated nationwide to celebrating the services and contributions of Community Health Centers. Codman Square Health Center received the honor of kicking-off National Health Center Week in Massachusetts on Monday, August 11, 2014 as Health and Human Services Secretary John Polanowicz and Department of Public Health Commissioner Cheryl Bartlett joined the Health Center to present the official proclamation from Governor Deval Patrick.

"Here in Dorchester, all of you are doing a behemoth's work in taking care of the whole person – tackling not just the physical health, though your primary care is exceptional, but the behavioral, nutritional, fitness, and public health of your community," said Secretary Polanowicz.

In addition to hosting the Kick-Off Press Conference, as part of National Health Center Week Codman also recognized five Health Center Heroes for their extraordinary contribution to the life of the Health Center: Jeffrey Bigby of Building Services; Dr. Matthew Horan of Dental; Olivia Apollon of Behavioral Health; Mayra Valdez-Mercado of Medical Records; and Rosetta Weekes of Internal Medicine.

FOUR NEW GRANTS EXPAND CAPACITY

Codman Square Health Center was recently awarded four new grants including the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Behavioral Health Integration Grant, the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Base Adjustment Grant, the HRSA HIV Supplemental Grant, and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Expanded Services Supplemental Grant. Not only will these four grants give CSHC additional resources to hire new staff, expand service hours, and add additional services, three of these grants will be added to the Health Center's base grant from the federal government, serving to effectively double Codman's base from $567,626 to $1,143,804.

Current 330 Grant	$567,626
ACA Behavioral Health Integration Grant	$250,000
PCMH Adjustment Grant	$ 79,438
ACA Expanded Services Supplemental Grant	$246,740
HRSA HIV Supplemental Grant	$500,000 – per year for 3 years / will not be added to base

ACA BHI - HHS announced $54.6 million in Affordable Care Act funding to support 221 health centers in 47 states and Puerto Rico to establish or expand behavioral health services for over 450,000 people nationwide. Codman Square Health Center was selected as one of nine health centers in the Massachusetts area to be awarded competitive HHS funding for Mental Health Service Expansion & Behavioral Health Integration.

ACA Expanded Services - HHS announced the availability of up to $300 million under the Affordable Care Act to help the nation's community health centers expand service hours, hire more medical providers, and add oral health, behavioral health, pharmacy, and vision services. Codman Square Health Center is using the funds to add 2 Nurse Practitioners and 2 Behavioral Health Case Managers.

HIV Supplemental - HHS announced availability of $11 million, through the Affordable Care Act and the Secretary's Minority AIDS Initiative Fund, to support the integration of high-quality HIV services into primary care through innovative partnerships between health centers and state health departments in Florida, Massachusetts, Maryland and New York.

MENTAL HEALTH & PRIMARY CARE CONFERENCE

Dr. Blount addresses the crowd in the Black Box Theatre at Codman Square Health Center

On September 19, 2014, a large crowd of Behavioral Health Clinicians and Administrators from across the Commonwealth began to fill the Black Box Theatre at Codman Square Health Center for the Conference on the Integration of Mental Health and Primary Care in Community Settings. The first of several educational conferences that will be produced at Codman during the next few years, the conference focused on the integration of Mental Health and Primary Care. Co-sponsored by the Department of Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine, and featuring a keynote address from F. Alexander Blount, Ed.D., Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health and Psychiatry at UMASS Worcester, topics were geared toward reducing barriers to providing a more integrated and holistic approach to mental health in the primary care setting. Sharing best practices used around the country, workshops focused on medical illness, substance use in primary care, and motivational interviewing in primary care.

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