



## MNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS HIGHLIGHTS March 13, 2024

- Weekly updates with the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) continues on any Steward issues. Senator Markey has scheduled a federal subcommittee hearing on the issue of private equity and for profits in the health sector to be held in Boston on April 5<sup>th</sup> (invite only).
- Negotiations continue at Brigham & Women's, Brigham & Women's Faulkner, Dana Farber – Boston, Marlborough and Tobey Hospitals. Negotiations are just starting at Martha's Vineyard, Newton-Wellesley and Salem Hospitals.
- Tentative agreements were reached at Brockton VNA and the two Boston VNA units. Unfortunately, after ratification management at Boston VNA announced a number of layoffs. They are looking into filing a possible ULP for bad faith bargaining.
- The BOD reviewed the draft schedule for the 2024 Convention, which will be held at the Cape Codder Resort in Hyannis on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The BOD discussed ideas for speakers and fun events.
- Marie Ritacco resigned as Vice President. The BOD expressed their gratitude for Marie's leadership during her time on the BOD and especially during the St. Vincent's strike. Other vacancies include Directors for Region 2, 3 and 5 (labor seats).
- The BOD voted to accept the draft changes to the *Volunteer Peer Assistance Program (VPAP)* in Section 7 as proposed by the MNA Addictions Council.
- The Awards Committee recommended that Susan Farist Butler be awarded the Kathryn McGuinn Cutler Advocate for Health and Safety Award. The BOD approved.
- **Virtual Career Fair: March 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30pm** for senior nursing students and nursing faculty.
- **MNA Clinical Conference: May 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Four Points Sheraton in Norwood from 8:30am to 4:00pm.
- **MNA Advocacy Day: May 8<sup>th</sup>** at the State House 10am to 2pm. Bring your voice to Beacon Hill in support of protecting patient safety, improving workplace safety and protecting healthcare access.

Thank you,  
MNA Board of Directors

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Retired