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DotHouse Health Physician Awarded Grant to Decrease Substance Abuse in Dorchester

DotHouse Health Adult Medicine physician Rachel King, MD, was awarded a special projects grant from the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers. This grant project aims to decrease substance abuse in our community and improve physician awareness around substance abuse issues.

Dr. Rachel King explains, “My interest in addiction medicine began during my residency at Boston Medical Center, where I observed firsthand the devastation that addiction may bring to individuals, families, and communities. Through mentorship, I began to learn more about medication-assisted treatment for patients with opioid addiction, and soon recognized that treatment of patients with addictions would become an integral part of my career.”

The project will aid in early identification and intervention for patients with unhealthy substance use through enhanced screening. Grant money will also help improve the treatment and monitoring of patients with active addictions, as well as the development of additional resources and education for physicians managing patients who are prescribed controlled substances.

According to a Substance Abuse in Boston report in 2011 from the Boston Public Health Commission, Dorchester had a higher rate of treatment admissions for substance abuse and higher rate of overdose deaths compared to the Boston average. This project will bring needed medical attention to this issue.

About The Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers Community Health Center Special Projects Grant

The Community Health Center Special Projects Grant offers assistance to centers to enhance the retention and professional development of primary care providers at community health centers. The Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers is committed to assisting community health centers in Massachusetts with recruitment, retention and professional development of primary care providers.

About DotHouse Health

DotHouse Health is a federally qualified health center located in the Fields Corner neighborhood of Dorchester. DotHouse Health has provided essential healthcare, social services and wellness opportunities to the community for over 40 years. At DotHouse Health we know that the health disparities in our community cannot be addressed through the treatment of individual, medically based issues alone. As such, we offer our over 23,000 patients extensive case management,

financial and legal services as well as a number of community programs. By connecting our patients with comprehensive primary care, social services and in-house programs – all under one roof – we support the overall good health of our patients and build a stronger and healthier community.



From left to right: James W. Hunt, Jr President and Chief Executive Officer of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Dr. Rachel King and Matt Fishman, Vice President, Community Health, Partners Health Care