



## **Dorchester House**

**Multi-Service Center**

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### **Grant award of nearly \$250k to Connect Walk-In Clinic Patients with Comprehensive Primary Care**

**Dorchester, MA** – Dorchester House Multi-Service Center was recently awarded a grant for \$246,288 to support primary care access for urgent care patients who haven't established a medical provider. This grant was funded through The Affordable Care Act. Dorchester House is proud to provide primary care to all.

“Connecting urgent care patients with primary care physicians for regular visits will help address chronic health issues and provide long term solutions. I am pleased that the federal government is recognizing this as an important investment in patient health.” said President and CEO of Dorchester House Walter Ramos.

This funding opportunity enables Dorchester House to provide primary care to more patients. Many of whom are newly insured and able to access primary care for the first time. The urgent care facility delivers same day, general primary medical for non-emergent issues for patients and community residents.

Dorchester House Chief Medical Officer Julita Mir explains, “We are integrating a patient centered approach to our urgent care services in order achieve better care for our patients, improved health outcomes for our community and reduce the costs of healthcare.”

“We are working to reduce the amount of repeat urgent care visitors by establishing the connection between patient education and preventative treatment.” said adult medicine physician, Dr. Kate Harris.

Over the past year 65% of new adult patients have come as a result of their visit to the urgent care services clinic. Under this project, Dorchester House expects to see 600 new patients by the end of the project period in December 2016.

“We understand that good health stretches beyond the exam room, and we work across clinical departments and through our non-clinical programming to help patients be healthy in every area of their lives,” explained Michelle Nadow, Chief Administrative Officer at Dorchester House.

#### **About Dorchester House Multi-Service Center**

The Dorchester House Multi-Service Center is a federally qualified health center located in the Fields Corner neighborhood of Dorchester. The Dorchester House has provided essential healthcare, social services and wellness opportunities to the community for over 40 years. At Dorchester House 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 22,000 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.

