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Members of the Massachusetts Nurses Association hold an informational picket at Mercy Medical Center in Springfield. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN)

#### SPRINGFIELD

# **Mercy Medical Center nurses** picket amid contract negotiations

Call staffing a key problem

#### By GRETA JOCHEM gjochem@repub.com

Chanting and holding signs, about 30 people stood on Carew Street outside Mercy Medical Center midday Thursday in support of unionized nurses at the hospital.

"Support the frontline not the bottom line," reads one sign. "Trinity has no mercy," another says.

The facility's nurses, represented by the Massachusetts Nurses Association, recently began contract negotiations, and they were picketing outside the hospital's main entrance to raise concerns about their working conditions.

"We want to show we have support," said Jaime Hyatt, a registered nurse at Mercy and through continued collaboraco-chair of the union committee that bargains with the hospital

Nurses are being given "more to do with less resources," said Hyatt, who has worked at the facility for nearly 25 years.

"Our working conditions are increasingly unsafe and unsustainable, and our wages are falling behind, making it harder to recruit and retain nurses," Dee Doyle, a nurse and co-chair of the union bargaining committee, said in a statement.

Mercy said it is in active negotiations with the union. "We remain committed to continuing these discussions in good faith," Mary Orr, a spokesperson for Mercy's parent organization, Trinity Health Of New England, said in an email. "While we are disappointed by the MNA's decision to hold an informational picket, we respect their right to express their views." Orr declined questions

about staffing and retention. "We are confident that tion with our nurses, we will meet the ongoing needs of our patients and uphold the high standards of care that

our community expects and

deserves," she said. The union says that staffing is a problem. When nurses are out sick, they struggle to have enough people to cover for them, Hyatt said.

State law says that in an intensive care unit, a registered nurse can take care of one or two patients, depending on their condition. But with staffing issues at Mercy, Hyatt said that ICU nurses are often caring for two patients. "That's just not safe," he said. Nurses have 30 minutes for lunch, Hyatt said, but many don't have time to stop working. "You're just too busy," he said.

"With such a challenging care environment, and because nurses feel disrespected and undervalued, we cannot properly recruit and retain," Doyle said. "We are seeking to break this damaging cycle that endangers patients and staff."

In July 2023, the union picketed and raised concerns, including that understaffing was leading to long wait times in the emergency room.

# SPRINGFIELD **Educators debate Question 2's MCAS graduation requirement**

#### BY JEANETTE DEFORGE jdeforge@repub.com

One long-term teacher worries children will be left behind if voters eliminate the MCAS graduation requirement in November's election. A second educator says children are already left behind because of the test.

Both agree that even if voters back Question 2 on Nov. 5, the MCAS test itself is here to stay.

Max Page, president of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, which endorsed eliminating the MCAS graduation requirement, and Cynthia Agruso, a math teacher who believes it should remain, discussed the pros and cons of the ballot question during a forum Wednesday night sponsored by the Forest Park Civic Association.

A yes vote on the ballot question will end the practice of requiring high school students to pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Systems exam, better known as MCAS, to receive a high school diploma. A no vote will continue the current practices.

"I want people to know 117,000 educators see it as a top priority to get rid of the graduation requirement," said Page, of Amherst. "What we are eliminating is the high stakes punitive element that

denies students a diploma if they complete all other requirements."

But Agruso, an Agawam Junior High School educator who has taught every grade level from kindergarten through eighth grade, said she was opposed to the MCAS when it first came out, but now sees its value.

Eliminating the graduation requirement, she said, would lower the achievement bar for youth. In addition, the test results provide valuable data for teachers and students in understanding how to improve education.

"If this bill goes through there will be no replacement," she said. "We have more than 300 different districts in the state and it will leave us with 300 different (graduation) requirements.'

The only state standard for graduation is to pass the MCAS exam and complete four years of physical education. With the MCAS requirement, Agruso said, some school districts will have strict requirements such as passing four years of math, science and English. Others will just say students must earn a certain number of credits, she said.

But Page argued the MCAS will still be given to students, data will still be provided to teachers and state curriculum

standards will still have to be followed. The only difference? Students who complete all their graduation requirements will not be denied a diploma if they do not pass one test.

"Our core argument is it is bad for students," he said. "It is not a good test to determine what students really know."

While Agruso argued the graduation rate has increased and the dropout rate decreased since the creation of the MCAS, Page said studies show that students who fail the MCAS their first time are more likely to drop out before they reach their senior year.

About 700 of the state's 70,000 high school seniors each year who otherwise meet graduation requirements do not pass the MCAS in the multiple opportunities they have to take it before the end of their senior year. Agruso said people continue to talk only about the 1% who fail.

"Ninety-nine percent of our students are doing what they need to do, 1% needs a little help and we need to find out [how] to get them to the finish line," she said.

When audience members were invited to ask questions, more than a half-dozen stepped up. They wanted to know how school performance will be evaluated without the MCAS. What's the SEE MCAS, PAGE A6

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Baystate Health, Inc. (the "Applicant"), with a principal place of business at 759 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01199, intends to file a Notice of Determination of Need (the "Application") with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to acquire a computed tomography ("CT") unit for operation by Baystate Radiology and Imaging at 21 Dwight Road, Longmeadow, MA 01106 (the "Project"). The total value of the Project based on the maximum capital expenditure is \$994,467. The Applicant does not anticipate any price or service impacts on the Applicant's existing patient panel as a result of the Project. Any ten Taxpayers of Massachusetts may register in connection with the intended Application by no later than November 29, 2024 or 30 days from the Filing Date, whichever is later, by contacting the Department of Public Health, Determination of Need Program, 67 Forest Street, Marlborough, MA 01752.



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Book 22306, Page 134, of which mortgage the un-dersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mort-gage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auc-tion at 11:00 AM, on No-vember 8, 2024, on the premises known as 266 Jarvis Avenue, Holyoke, Massachusetts, the premi-ses described in said mort-gage, together with all the Massachusets: Beginning on the westerly side of Bowdoin Street at the southeasterly corner of the premises conveyed at land formerly of one Hyde, more recently be-lieved to be of one Bradley et up running there were et ux, running thence wes-terly on said Bradley, two hundred sixty (260) feet to gage, together with all the rights, easements, and ap-purtenances, thereto, to land formerly of one Radding, more recently be-lieved to be of one Tuohey purtenances mereto, to wit: Beginning at an iron pipe in the southeasterly side of Jarvis Avenue at land now or formerly of Otto K, Fromhold: thence Easterly: with an interior angle of 112 degrees 37 minutes 30 second two at the southwesterly cor ner of the premises con-veyed; thence northerly on veyed; thence northerly on said Tuohey fifteen (15) feet; thence easterly still on said Tuohey ten (10) feet; thence northerly still on said Tuohey eighty eight and 12/100 (88.12) feet to land formerly of one Rood, more recently believed to be of one Geoffrion at the northwes-terly corner of the premi-ses conveved; the nce eastminutes 30 second two hundred (200) feet along land now or formerly of Otto K. Frombold to an iron Otto K. Frombold to an iron pipe; the nce Southwesterly: along land now or formerly of Fred Raistrick et al with an in-terior angle of 67 degrees 22 minutes 30 seconds and one hundred fifty-degree and sixty-five one-hundredths (153.65) feet to an iron pipe; thence Northwesterly: with an in-terior angle of 99 degrees 13 minutes sixty-seven and

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## ACO LETTER



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION 50 Milk Street, 8th Floor Boston, Massachusetts 02109 (617) 979-1400

> DAVID M. SELTZ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 27, 2023

Carlos Martins Baycare Health Partners, Inc. 101 Wason Avenue, Suite 200 Springfield, MA 01107

RE: ACO LEAP Re-Certification

Dear Mr. Martins:

Congratulations! The Health Policy Commission (HPC) is pleased to inform you that Baycare Health Partners, Inc. meets the requirements for ACO Certification under our Learning, Equity, and Patient-Centeredness (LEAP) standards. This certification is effective from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025.

The ACO Certification program, in alignment with other state agencies including MassHealth, is designed to accelerate care delivery transformation in Massachusetts and promote a high quality, efficient health system. ACOs participating in the program have met a set of objective criteria focused on core ACO capabilities demonstrating dedication to patient-centered care, use of evidence-based and data-driven strategies to improve care delivery, and commitment to addressing long-standing health inequities. Baycare Health Partners, Inc. meets those criteria.

The HPC will promote Baycare Health Partners, Inc. as a Certified ACO on our website and in our marketing and public materials. Enclosed you will find an ACO Certification logo for your organization to use in accordance with the attached Terms of Use. We hope you will use the logo on promotional materials when you highlight your ACO Certification to your patients, payers, and others.

The HPC looks forward to your continued engagement in the ACO Certification program over the next two years.

Thank you for your dedication to providing accountable, coordinated health care to your patients, and to continued learning and improvement over time. If you have any questions about this letter or the ACO Certification program, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Stanek, Associate Director, at <u>HPC-Certification@mass.gov</u> or (617) 757-1649.

Best wishes,

David Seltz Executive Director

## AFFIDAVIT



#### Massachusetts Department of Public Health Determination of Need Affidavit of Truthfulness and Compliance with Law and Disclosure Form 100.405(B)

<b>Instructions:</b> Complete Information below. When complete check the box "This document is ready to print:". This will date stamp and lock the form. Print Form. Each person must sign and date the form. When all signatures have been collected, scan the document and e-mail to: <b>dph.don@state.ma.us</b> Include all attachments as requested.			
Application Number:       BH-23102416-RE         Original Application Date:       12/18/2024			
Applicant Name: Baystate Health, Inc.			
Application Type: DoN-Required Equipment			
Applicant's Business Type:  Corporation Limited Partnership Partnership Trust LLC Other			
Is the Applicant the sole member or sole shareholder of the Health Facility(ies) that are the subject of this Application? • Yes			
<ol> <li>The undersigned certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury:</li> <li>The Applicant is the sole corporate member or sole shareholder of the Health Facility[ies] that are the subject of this Application;</li> <li>I have read 105 CMR 100.000, the Massachusetts Determination of Need Regulation;</li> <li>I understand and agree to the expected and appropriate conduct of the Applicant pursuant to 105 CMR 100.800;</li> <li>I have read this application for Determination of Need including all exhibits and attachments, and certify that all of the information contained herein is accurate and true;</li> <li>I have submitted the correct Filing Fee and understand it is nonrefundable pursuant to 105 CMR 100.405(B);</li> <li>I have submitted the required copies of this application to the Determination of Need Program, and, as applicable, to all Parties of Record and other parties as required pursuant to 105 CMR 100.405(B);</li> <li>I have caused, as required, notices of intent to be published and duplicate copies to be submitted to all Parties of Record, and all carriers or third-party administrators, public and commercial, for the payment of health care services with which the Applicant contracts, and with Medicare and Medicaid, as required by 105 CMR 100.405(C), et seq.;</li> <li>I have caused proper notification and submissions to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs pursuant to 105 CMR 100.405(E) and 301 CMR 11.00; will be made if applicable</li> </ol>			
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10. Pursuant to 105 CMR 100.210(A)(3), I certify that both the Applicant and the Proposed Project are in material and substantial compliance and good standing with relevant federal, state, and local laws and regulations, as well as with all previously issued Notices of Determination of Need and the terms and Conditions attached therein;			
<ol> <li>I have read and understand the limitations on solicitation of funding from the general public prior to receiving a Notice of Determination of Need as established in 105 CMR 100.415;</li> </ol>			
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## FILING FEE



#### **BAYSTATE RADIOLOGY AND IMAGING, L.L.C.**

Department 7991 P O Box 4110 Woburn, MA 01888-4110 (413) 495-1100

10/17/2024

Dennis Renaud, Director Determination of Need Program Department of Public Health 67 Forest St. Marlborough, MA 01752

Dear Dennis Renaud,

I am writing to submit a check pursuant to the Determination of Need application filed by Baystate Health, Inc. under Application #BH-23102416-RE. Enclosed, please find the check for \$1,988.93 as required for the application process. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this important initiative and look forward to the review and consideration of our application. If there are any further requirements or additional information needed, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Es month we

Kal Dulaimy, M.D. BRI Board Member Baystate Radiology & Imaging LLC



## **CHI NARRATIVE**

#### Factor 6.1: Community Health Initiative Narrative

#### A. <u>Community Health Initiative Monies</u>

Based on the Proposed Project's MCE of \$994,467, the corresponding Community Health Initiative ("CHI") is \$49,723.35. The following breakdown of CHI monies illustrates the total dollars to be allocated.

	Total	Description
MCE	\$994,467.00	
CHI Monies	\$49,723.35	(5% of Maximum Capital Expenditure)
Administrative Fee	\$1,988.93	(4% of the CHI Monies, retained by Baystate)
Remaining Monies	\$47,734.42	(CHI Monies minus the Administrative fee)
Statewide Initiative	\$4,773.44	(10% of remaining monies, paid to State-wide fund)
Local Initiative	\$42,960.98	(90% of remaining monies)
Evaluation Monies	\$4,296.09	(10% of Local Initiative Monies, retained by Baystate)
CHI Monies for Local Disbursement	\$38,664.89	

#### A. Request to Pool Funding with Another Project for the Hospital

In 2022, Baystate Health received approval for Baystate Medical Center ("BMC") to carry out the CHI on behalf of Baystate New England Orthopedic Surgeons Alliance, LLC ("BNEOS") for DoN # BNEOS-21122916-AS. Accordingly, BMC kicked off that CHI in 2023. In June 2024, BMC awarded \$500,000 in Better Together grant awards targeting youth mental health prevention. Five local non-profit organizations benefitted from \$100,000 awards aimed at addressing youth mental health in their respective target populations. Those organizations were: Latino Counseling Center, Martin Luther King Jr. Family Services, Springfield Pride Parade Organization, Community Legal Aid and Follow My Steps Foundation. These projects will continue for 1-2 years. To date, each organization has received an initial installment of \$25,000 to begin their work. Investments were decided in partnership with the BMC Community Benefits Advisory Council (CBAC). Given the size of the present CHI, Baystate Health is requesting approval for the CHI to be rolled into BMC's ongoing CHI to maximize the impact the combined funding.

#### B. <u>Timeline for CHI Activities</u>

BMC will convene its CBAC following approval of this Application to determine the most appropriate distribution of the CHI funding. It expects to have a distribution plan within three months of DoN approval and will meet with DPH staff for review and approval.

#### C. Administrative and Evaluation Funds

Baystate is requesting \$1,988.93 (4% of the CHI) to be used towards administrative costs. These monies will assist with staff salaries and may also be used towards the cost of reporting and

distributing promising practices and lessons learned, facilitation support for the CBAC and Allocation Committee, the development of communication materials and placement of procurement information in community newspapers. Additionally, Baystate is seeking to use 10% of local CHI funding, \$4,296.09, for evaluation efforts. These monies may be used to engage a third-party evaluator to carry out technical assistance and ensure appropriate evaluation of the CHI-funded projects.