# **2016 SPEAKERS**

Jim O'Connell, MD is a visionary providing Health Care to the Homeless in Boston. You won't find him at home or in an office, he will be in a van stockpiled with food and warm dry socks. Boston Health Care for the Homeless isn't a place; it's a network that employs 350 health care professionals and support staff in 80 locations. Dr. O'Connell has turned this network into the largest program of its kind in the US and a template for similar programs around the world. His memoir "Stories from the Shadows: Reflections of a Street Doctor" was published in 2015.

Program Admission: one pair of new athletic socks.

Catherine Brown, DVM, MSC, MPH has served as the State Public Health Veterinarian since 2006. Dr. Brown works tirelessly to spread the word about public health prevention and detection. Dr. Brown is presently working to collect the most up-to-date information about the Zika virus and Zika borne illness in humans and translate this information to the public for their knowledge and protection. In 2010, the Department of Public Health recognized Brown for her "unfailing commitment to the notion that we protect, preserve and improve the health of the residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

### John Armelagos, President, Michigan Nurses Association

**Pan Ji** is a PhD candidate at Virginia Tech and a senior member of the Flint Water Study Team.

Nayyirah Shariff is a Flint organizer and has been involved with Flint Rising and the Flint Democracy Defense League.

**Stephen Estes-Smargiassi** is the Director of Planning and Sustainability for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.

John Sullivan is Chief Engineer Boston Water and Sewer Commission

# **SCHEDULE**

### Wednesday, October 12

6:30-9 p.m. "Welcome Aboard" Reception sponsored by Region 4

### **Thursday, October 13**

7:30-8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast, registration, exhibits and silent

auction opens

8:30-10 a.m. Our Water Crisis: From Flint Michigan to

Massachusetts

10-10:30 a.m. Break, exhibits and silent auction

10:30-11:30 a.m. Bargaining Unit Reports

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Report on the Verizon Strike

12:30-2 p.m. Lunch, exhibits, silent auction

12:30-2 p.m. Unit 7 Annual Meeting and lunch

2 p.m. Business Meeting

6-7 p.m. Reception

7-9:30 p.m. Dinner/Awards

9:30-10:30 p.m. Hypnotist

10:30 p.m. Ice cream social

#### Friday, October 14

7:30-8:30 a.m. Silent auction closes, registration, breakfast

8-9 a.m. Mass. Student Nurses Meeting

8:30-9 a.m. MNA PAC Meeting

9:15-10:45 a.m. Jim O'Connell, MD, Boston's Visionary Provider of

Health Care to the Homeless

10:45-11 a.m. Break

11 a.m.-12 p.m. The Zika Virus: An Ever-Changing Crisis

# **REGISTER ONLINE: www.massnurses.org**

Registrations can also be made by phone. Call Theresa at 781-830-5727.

# **INFORMATION:**

Registration Deadline: September 15, 2016

## **Accommodations**

#### **DoubleTree by Hilton Boston North Shore**

Room rates are \$149.00 per night with 11.7% Mass occupancy tax. **Hotel policy:** No alcohol can be brought onto the property from the outside.

# **Chemical Sensitivity**

Attendees are requested to avoid wearing scented personal products when attending the 2016 MNA Convention. Scents may trigger responses in those with chemical sensitivity.

# **Contact Hours**

On Friday, October 14, 2016 Continuing Nursing Education contact hours will be awarded by the Massachusetts Nurses Association. The MNA is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

To successfully complete a program and receive contact hours you must: 1) sign in, 2) be present for the entire time period of the session and 3) complete the evaluation.

## **Questions**

Call MNA's Division of Nursing at: 800-882-2056 x727.

# **Community Service Event**

All attendees to this year's Convention are required to bring a new pair of athletic socks that will be donated to the homeless.

# **DIRECTIONS:**



# **DoubleTree by Hilton Boston North Shore**

50 Ferncroft Rd • Danvers, MA 01923 Phone: 978-777-2500

### From Boston via Route 1 North:

Take the Tobin Bridge to Route 1 North. Continue on Route 1 North just past the exit for Route 95 North. Take the very next left off of Route 1 North toward Route 1 South, Danvers. Merge right onto Route 1 South. Make your first right onto Ferncroft Road and follow the signs to the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston North Shore.

#### From the South via Route 95 North:

Take Route 93 North to Boston. Take Route 128 North/ Route 95 North. When these two roads split, stay on Route 95 North. Continue on Route 95 to Exit 50, Topsfield. Take Exit 50 to Route 1 North. From Route 1 North, bear left and follow the signs for Route 1 South, Danvers. Merge right onto Route 1 South. Make your first right onto Ferncroft Road and follow the signs to the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston North Shore.

### From the North:

Take Route 95 South to Exit 50, Topsfield/Route 1 South. Make your first right onto Ferncroft Road and follow the signs to the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston North Shore.

#### From the Mass Pike:

Take the Mass Pike East to Route 128 North/ Route 95 North. When these two roads split, stay on Route 95 North. Continue on Route 95 to Exit 50, Topsfield Take Exit 50 to Route 1 North. From Route 1 North, bear left and follow the signs for Route 1 South, Danvers. Merge right onto Route 1 South. Make your first right onto Ferncroft Road and follow the signs to the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston North Shore.

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