



## MNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS HIGHLIGHTS September 19, 2024

- **Convention 2024 Venue Change for Business Meeting and Unit 7 Annual Meeting:** There has been a change in venue for the MNA Business Meeting and the Unit 7 Annual Meeting for Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. They will be held down the street at the Emerald Resort in Hyannis (35 Scudder Avenue). Shuttles will be provided from the Cape Codder/Margaritaville to the resort starting at 8:00am. This is because the construction on the ballroom is not completed. All other events will be at the Cape Codder/Margaritaville.
- **Steward Update:** As of September 4<sup>th</sup>, six of the Steward hospitals received approval from the court for sale bids. We represent 5 of the 6. The Asset Purchase Agreement by the three employers for the 6 hospitals vary and each contain provisions that require negotiations prior to the closing of the hospital sales scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>. Without resolution on those items there is a risk a sale will not go through. MNA staff and Steward Committees will be extremely busy with this right through to the closing date.
- Audra Sprague from Nashoba Valley Medical Center and Ellen MacInnis from St. Elizabeth's Medical Center testified at the U.S. Senate HELP Committee on September 12<sup>th</sup> in the U.S. Capitol. They were chosen by the Chairman of the Committee, Senator Bernie Sanders, to provide their testimony and experiences working at a Steward health care facility.
- Unit 7 members will finally have their contract funded with the approval of the state's supplemental budget! Brigham & Women's nurses overwhelmingly ratified their contract. BWH Faulkner nurses were called back to the table by the mediator after issuing a strike notice on Monday. Salem Hospital will be holding an informational picket on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30pm. Baystate Noble, Cape Cod VNA and Marlborough Hospital all reached a tentative agreements. In-patient beds at North Adams have reopened – they are under the Berkshire Medical Center contract.
- The morning half of the meeting was spent discussing MNA technologies, such as the new IMIS system, MNA App and the website. BOD members and staff will continue to spend considerable time at their monthly meetings working through ideas and questions since this is a large budget item and investment for the organization.
- The BOD voted to donate \$5,000 to Power Forward – D.O.E.R. Program (Dog Ownership Enhancing Recovery). The goal of the program is to place trained service dogs into MASH approved sober homes to aid in maintaining sobriety. They also approved a \$1,000 donation to Strikes for Tykes benefiting Boston Medical Center's innovative pediatric programs.
- MNA endorsed candidates were victorious in 10 out of 13 competitive races on Primary Election Day! The General Election is Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- MNA's own Roland Goff will be the recipient of the 2024 Cushing Gavin Labor Attorney Award from the Labor Guild on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Roland!!!

Thank you,  
MNA Board of Directors

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