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## Appointments

### Bess Marcus, PhD, appointed next dean of Brown's School of Public Health

PROVIDENCE – The next dean of the Brown University School of Public Health will be **BESS MARCUS, PhD**, a leading scholar in health behavior changes and the first senior associate dean for public health at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine.



Marcus will begin her tenure as dean effective November 1, 2017, succeeding Terrie Fox Wetle, who became the school's inaugural dean in 2013.

Brown University President Christina Paxson announced her appointment in a June 14 email to the Brown community. Marcus brings to the deanship a commitment to rigorous research, innovative education and engagement with the greater community, which is critical for advancing the School of Public Health's mission, Paxson said.

A clinical health psychologist and expert in health promotion, Marcus served as a professor of community health and psychiatry and human behavior at Brown before leaving for UCSD in 2011. After serving as chair of the Department of Family Medicine and Public Health at the UCSD School of Medicine for six years and the school's senior associate dean for public health – a position in which she founded and directed the UCSD Institute for Public Health – for three, she said she is excited to return to Brown and build on the momentum the School of Public Health has generated since it was founded in 2013.

"I'm excited and honored by the opportunity to return to Brown to lead the School of Public Health at such a critical time, given all of the local, national and global health challenges facing us, from obesity to climate change to so much more," Marcus said. "One of the factors that's so exciting is the richness of the University itself – addressing important, complex issues related to population health is a central part of Brown's mission."

In her role as dean, Marcus will provide strategic direction, leadership and

administrative oversight for all aspects of the School of Public Health, promoting its mission of academic excellence in education, research and civic engagement. Reporting directly to the University's provost, she will oversee the school's four academic departments, research

centers, doctoral and master's programs and its undergraduate concentration.

After Wetle announced her intent to step down as dean following the 2016-17 academic year, Paxson led a search committee of Brown faculty members and public health students to identify her successor. The committee held open forums on campus, consulted with the school's advisory board members and engaged with senior leaders from Brown and key off-campus partners, including the Rhode Island Department of Health.

Marcus stood out as a leader who can build on the School of Public Health's core strengths while launching new initiatives that elevate its work in public health, Provost Richard M. Locke said.

"Bess has an impressive record of supporting student and faculty research and outreach aimed at sharply reducing death and disability associated with chronic and infectious diseases and increasing life expectancy," Locke said. "This mix of high-quality work and engagement is exactly what Brown is known for, making Bess a great fit for the School of Public Health."

#### Background

Marcus has published more than 250 papers on the role of exercise in health and how to motivate people to maintain healthy behaviors such as physical activity and smoking cessation. She first arrived at Brown as a postdoctoral scholar in 1988 after earning her master's degree and PhD in clinical psychology at Auburn University. After five years as an assistant professor, she became an associate professor of psychiatry and human behavior in 1995 and then a full professor in 2000. In 2004, she became director of

the Centers for Behavioral and Preventive Medicine at the Miriam Hospital, an affiliated hospital partner for Brown.

In 2007, Marcus joined the faculty of Brown's Department of Community Health and remained on the faculty when the department became the School of Public Health in 2013.

When the opportunity arose in 2011 for Marcus to become chair of the Department of Family Medicine and Public Health at the University of California San Diego, she remained an adjunct professor at Brown to facilitate ongoing collaborations with Brown researchers. UCSD appointed Marcus as the School of Medicine's inaugural senior associate dean in 2014.

In that role, she created the Institute for Public Health, promoted public health research and education activities across campus and supervised the medical school's public health degree offerings. She oversaw the establishment of a bachelor of science in public health, the first undergraduate degree offered by the School of Medicine, a doctoral degree program in biostatistics and a master of public health program that will launch soon.

Throughout her career, Marcus has supervised, mentored and advised scores of students and taught hundreds more. She has served as principal investigator or co-investigator on a wide range of National Institutes of Health grants on physical activity behavior. She has regularly participated in panels for the American Heart Association, American College of Sports Medicine, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Institutes of Health, which have created recommendations and guidelines on the quantity and intensity of physical activity necessary for health benefits. Marcus served on the executive committee for the Development of a National Strategic Plan for Physical Activity and on the board of directors for the National Physical Activity Plan Alliance.

In addition to her master's and doctoral degrees from Auburn, Marcus holds a bachelor of arts in psychology from Washington University in St. Louis. ❖

## Appointments

### OHIC Commissioner Kathleen Hittner, MD, announces retirement

*Raimondo Appoints Dr. Marie L. Ganim to post*

PROVIDENCE – Health Insurance Commissioner **DR. KATHLEEN HITTNER** recently announced plans to retire from her position effective this month. In her place, Governor Gina M. Raimondo will appoint **DR. MARIE L. GANIM**. The Governor has submitted her name to the Rhode Island State Senate for advice and consent.

“We’ve made great strides over the past few years in ensuring Rhode Islanders have access to quality, affordable health care,” Raimondo said. “Ninety-six percent of all Rhode Islanders now have health insurance, and our state is home to one the lowest uninsured rates in the country. I am confident that Dr. Ganim possesses the expertise and strong professional background needed to keep us moving in the right direction.”

Dr. Marie L. Ganim is currently the Deputy Chief of Staff and Policy Director for the Rhode Island State Senate. She previously served as the Senate’s Director of Health and Human Services Policy. Prior to working for the Senate, she spent time as Policy Director for former U.S. Congressman Robert A. Weygand and as a Health Policy Specialist in the Rhode Island House of Representatives. Dr. Ganim holds an undergraduate degree in political science from Providence College, a master’s degree in public



administration from Syracuse University and a PhD in public and international affairs with a specialty in health policy from Northeastern University. She lives in Lincoln.

Current Health Insurance Commissioner Dr. Kathleen Hittner has served the state for four years, since her appointment in June 2013. Over her tenure, Rhode Island has maintained some of the low-

est rate increases in the country, despite national uncertainty about health care. Under Dr. Hittner’s leadership, the office has saved Rhode Island consumers hundreds of thousands of dollars through its rate review process, focused on care transformation and promoted collaboration among providers and insurance carriers.

“I am grateful to Dr. Hittner for her years of service to Rhode Islanders, and wish her the best of luck in this next chapter in her life,” Raimondo said. ❖



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## Recognition

### Fatima Hospital graduates medical technology students

NORTH PROVIDENCE – On June 8, seven students graduated from the School of Medical Technology at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital, completing an intensive year-long clinical laboratory internship program. All have new jobs to start their careers with two of the students accepting positions Fatima Hospital.

The graduates are: Dakota Donth, Alannah Duffy, Elysha Grant, Lauren Hartnett, Megan Tessier, Abigail Tubman, and Randy Vinas.

The school is a member of the Board of Rhode Island Schools of Allied Health, a consortium of two university and one college Medical Laboratory Science programs – the University of Rhode Island, Salve Regina University and Rhode Island College. Our Lady of Fatima Hospital's school is one of two schools of Medical Technology remaining in this state. The purpose of this consortium is to integrate individual teaching programs into a coordinated didactic experience through the School of Medical Technology.

Medical Laboratory Scientists play a critical role in the detection, diagnosis and treatment of patients. This is accomplished through extensive examination and analysis of various body fluids, cells, and direct stains from patient specimens. They look for microorganisms, analyze chemical content of body fluids, match blood for patient transfusions, perform cell count, look for abnormal cells, and test for drug levels in the blood to find out how a patient may be responding to different treatments and/or antibiotics.



This year, five of the graduating students came from the University of Rhode Island, one from Salve Regina University, and one from Rhode Island College. Our Lady of Fatima's School of Medical Technology is part of the Department of Pathology and is under the direction of Mirela Stancu, MD, as medical advisor and Theresa Tellier-Castellone MPH, MLS (ASCP) as the program director.

The program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences and is recognized by the Rhode Island Department of Education and the Rhode Island Department of Health as an accredited clinical program under specifications provided in the "RI Clinical Laboratory Science Practice Act." ❖

### South County Hospital rated among top in nation for Quality and Patient Experience



WAKEFIELD – South County Hospital in Wakefield, RI, a 100-bed, independent hospital, is one of only 19 hospitals in the country to receive the highest score of 5-Stars in two areas used to measure healthcare excellence – Overall Hospital Quality and Patient Care.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) developed the Star Rating System to simplify complex criteria that measure healthcare quality so that healthcare consumers can make informed decisions when choosing providers. The ratings are assigned to over 4,000 hospitals across the country.

"Our staff is focused on delivering the best patient care possible. We strive to ensure that our healthcare system performs up to our own high expectations," said **LOU GIANCOLA**, South County Health president and CEO. "When the data reinforces the success and feedback we get from our patients, it reassures us that we are providing quality care, centered on the patient. It also inspires us to work harder to improve outcomes and the patient experience."

South County Hospital is the only hospital in the Northeast to earn a 5-Star rating in the two categories. ❖

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## Obituaries

**DR. JANE KIFF** of Sandwich, MA, passed away May 25, 2017.

Dr. Kiff received her medical degree from the University of Missouri in May 1992, then did her residency at Stanford, followed by a fellowship at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Her medical specialty was pediatric critical care. She often cared for the sickest of the sick children in her hospital. Friends described her as a dedicated, compassionate physician.

She began her practice in Madison, WI, then moved to Hasbro Children's Hospital. In recent years, she worked for Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY, and joined Cape Cod Hospital of Hyannis Mass in January of this year. Her co-workers and friends always gave her glowing recommendations.

She leaves behind her mother Virginia Kiff of Attleboro, her brother Bill Kiff and his wife Ann of Granbury, TX; her beloved dog Callie, along with numerous cousins and other family members.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Providence Animal Rescue League, 34 Elbow St, Providence RI, 02903 or Hasbro Children's Hospital, PO Box H, Providence RI, 02901.

**AZHAR Q. MUSTAFA, MD**, 73, of Barrington, a Fall River surgeon, husband of Penny J. (Lucier) Mustafa, passed away June 9, 2017. Dr. Mustafa, his wife and son, Ameer, also operated A & P Orchids, Swansea.

Besides his wife of 33 years, he leaves his former wife, Mary Mustafa, of Needham; three sons, Shamael Mustafa and his wife Abeer of California, Shaheer Mustafa and his wife Yolanda of Needham and Ameer Mustafa of Barrington. He also was the grandfather of Adeem and Imaad Mustafa, Rahsaan and Akeem Mustafa-Coentro and the late Abdul Rahman Mustafa; the brother of Zahida Imran of Texas, Tahira Chaudhry of East Providence and the late Athar Mustafa and also leaves nieces, nephews and cousins.

To anyone who had the benefit of knowing him, he held himself and others to the highest standard, was brilliantly gifted and a true original. His loving family will miss his warm presence, enthusiasm and passion for living in the moment. Donations in his memory may be made to the Dr. Azhar Mustafa Memorial Scholarship Fund, Bristol Community College, 777 Elsbree St., Fall River MA 02720.



**DR. JOHN CHAMPLIN LATHROP**, 89, of Laurelmead died Monday, May 22, 2017 at home surrounded by his family. He was the husband of the late Irene McKenzie Lathrop.

Dr. Lathrop was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and the Albany Medical College. He was in private practice for 40 years with offices in Providence, Barrington and South County before retiring. He was a physician in the US Army at Camp Leroy Johnston in Louisiana.

He is survived by his daughters, Joan Elizabeth Lathrop of Seymour, CT, Diane Lathrop of Middletown, RI, Mary Lathrop Truslow of Loveland, CO and Catherine Lathrop Strahan of Sudbury, MA. He leaves 6 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and 7 nieces and nephews.

Donations in his memory may be made to Westerly Land Trust, PO Box 601, Westerly, RI 02891.

**DONYA ANN POWERS, MD**, of Providence, RI, passed away May 19. She was a graduate of The Warren Alpert Medical School in 1983, and spent her entire professional career serving the needs of patients in the greater Providence region through her family-medicine practice.

She held a number of hospital appointments, including terms as chair of family practice and medical staff president at Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro, MA. She also served as a part-time medical director for Hospice of CVNA in Attleboro, MA.

Dr. Powers was a clinical associate professor of family medicine at Brown, where she received a number of teaching awards from the university and its family medicine residency. She served on the AAFP's Commission on Science, helping to develop official clinical recommendations and guidelines, as well as planning national continuing medical-education programs for family physicians.

She was a member of the AAFP's National Research Network, and presented original clinical research at the World Family Medicine meetings in many countries. She also served as a volunteer with the AAFP Foundation's "Physicians with Heart" program, traveling to Tajikistan (2007), Kyrgyzstan (2008, 2011), and the Republic of Georgia (2009) to deliver humanitarian aid to local hospitals and lead educational sessions for local family physicians.

Friends and family members recall her love of travel, photography, cooking, and ballroom dancing. She also was an avid reader of both mystery and science fiction stories.

Donations in her memory may be made to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Foundation, 11400 Tomhawk Creek Parkway, Suite 440, Leawood, KS 66211-2672.



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