**Attending Registered Nurse**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 6, 2022

12:00 – 1:00PM

Zoom

**Presiding:** Cori Fogarty, Christina Alexander

**Coach:** Gino Chisari

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| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action |
| Welcome/Introduction to New/Returning ARNs | Christina called the meeting to order at 12:00PM with 21 ARNs present on Zoom.  | Noted |
| Leah Gordon Director for Nursing and PCS Office forDEI  | Dr. Gordon gave an overview of her role as director and discussed several initiatives underway across MGH that are designed to increase opportunities and awareness of DEI. These included:* A review of the social determinates effecting healthcare
* Effects of COVID on underrepresented communities
* Latest census demonstrates more diverse than ever before
* Educational gaps in RN training
* The role of the ARN’s to support DEI
* Leah is available for unit based conversations
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| Overcoming barriers and ways to improve access to clinical trials for marginalized patients with Doris Stocker, NPS at CCPO | Ms. Stocker presented information on how to increase access of clinical trials to patients who are often seen as marginalized. These included: How clinical trials work and cost breakdown* Barriers to access/inequality/resources
* Equity (adapting to needs) vs. Equality (all the same)
* RN bridges the gap between protocol and patient
* Resources: CARE Center (Community Access Recruitment Engagement)
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| Next Meeting | * Wednesday May 4, 2022
 | Noted |
| Check In | * Continue to use ARN portal page for frequently used patient education materials, past meeting minutes etc
* Reach out to Christina or Cori if you have ideas for future meeting topics or speakers

<https://www.mghpcs.org/eed/ARN/default.shtml> | Noted |