**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 |  |
| 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) |  |
| 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 |