

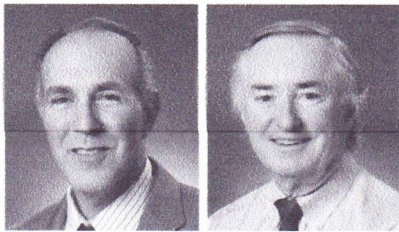
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# THE VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program

## Meeting our patients wherever they are

A message from CEO, Barry Bock, and President, Dr. Jim O'Connell



We're happy to see the delightful glimpses of Spring ahead!

Fluctuating temperatures made this past winter challenging for our patients, who may have been unprepared for those frigid drops in temperature, leading to cases of hypothermia and frostbite. Whatever conditions our patients endure, rest assured we are committed to meeting them wherever they are, trying to prevent cold-related injuries and providing the best possible care while offering hope for a healthier future.

In this newsletter, we're pleased to present a story about our longtime friend, Dr. Eileen Reilly, a psychiatrist with our Street Team. Eileen joins us through our collaboration with the Massachusetts Mental Health Center, part of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health.

For the 16 years that Eileen has been part of our Street Team, she and other

team members have brought access to much needed behavioral health care to individuals suffering on the streets, in alleys and under bridges, those people "lost in plain sight." Eileen's skilled yet gentle approach with these patients is remarkable!

You will also read about our very popular health fairs, which we host in collaboration with our clinic partner sites. These engaging events enable us to effectively reach out and provide access to vital care. Our creative and enthusiastic staff and volunteers design each health fair to address the needs of that specific patient group by combining a festive and casual atmosphere with health care access. It's truly gratifying to see our patients so joyful, and to provide care in these pleasant health fair settings.

As we continue to innovate and develop new ways to ensure access to those experiencing homelessness in Boston, we are forever grateful for your steadfast support. Your trust in our work allows us to offer integrated, highly skilled health care to those most in need.

**Thank you.**