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VNA of Boston Receives Governor's Citation for Commitment to Public Health



L-R: DeAnne Mignault, VNAB Community Health Nurse, State Senator Sal DiDomenico, Rey Spadoni, VNAB President & CEO, State Representative Gene O'Flaherty

BRAINTREE –To commemorate the agency's 125th anniversary as the first and oldest visiting nurse organization in the nation, the VNA of Boston is exhibiting a traveling display at a number of sites located in the heart of the communities it serves. Last week, while on display at the Massachusetts State House, State Senator Sal DiDomenico and State Representative Gene O'Flaherty co-hosted an event where they presented VNA of Boston nurse DeAnne Mignault and President & CEO Rey Spadoni with a citation from Governor Deval Patrick in recognition of the agency's 125th anniversary and in appreciation of its commitment to public health nursing in the Boston community.

The traveling exhibit includes a timeline illustrating the VNA of Boston & Affiliates' (VNABA) compelling history and how its clinicians provided health care services during some of the most difficult crises the community has ever faced. It shows how nurses were on the front lines during the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918, the care given to veterans returning home from war, the education provided to families on proper nutrition during the Great Depression and how VNABA nurses and therapists were vital caregivers during public health crises such as polio epidemics and the emergence of HIV/AIDS. The exhibit also displays how the VNABA is relevant today and how its current services and programs are aimed at keeping people of all ages healthy and at home.

The traveling exhibit will be on display next week, May 23-27th, at Grove Hall in Dorchester.

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Celebrating our 125th year, the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston & Affiliates provides home healthcare through the VNA of Boston, end-of-life support through VNA Hospice Care and private pay services through VNA Private Care. We coordinate superior care across the continuum – for all ages, health care needs, and income levels – so that our patients and their families throughout Greater Boston have peace of mind and, most importantly, can live independently at home.