

Boston Alliance *for* Community Health

Report of the Nominating Committee - November 2013

The Boston Alliance for Community Health (BACH) is governed by a **20** member Steering Committee, elected by BACH's members. The Steering Committee is comprised of:

- **Nine** seats representing BACH-affiliated Coalitions, nominations for which came from those coalitions.
- **Two** seats designated for acute care hospitals located in Boston nominations for which come from the Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals (COBTH) and New England Baptist Hospital which is not a standing member of COBTH.
- **Two** seats designated for members of the Boston Conference of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, nominations for which come from the League.
- **One** seat designated for the Boston Public Health Commission, nominated by the Executive Director of BPHC.
- **Six** seats are "at-large" representing community based organizations or individuals and nominees for those seats can come from any BACH member.

Each year, **one half of the Steering Committee positions are up for election**. Incumbents may run again for a total of 3 consecutive two-year terms.

The following positions are up for nomination at BACH's 2013 annual meeting and those elected by the BACH membership will begin serving a two year term beginning in January of 2014.

After consideration of nominations received, the nominating committee recommends the following:

MOTION: That the BACH membership approve the following slate of candidates to serve on the BACH Steering Committee two year terms beginning on January 1, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2015.

Coalitions (Five Positions)

- Arnesse Brown - South End
- Sara Coughlin - Charlestown
- Valerie Frias - Allston Brighton
- Chien-Chi Huang - Chinatown
- Pat Milano - East Boston (current SC member)
- Karleen Porcena - Mattapan
- Vacant

Health Centers (one position)

- TO BE DETERMINED - HEALTH CENTER

Hospitals (one position)

- John Erwin - Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals (current SC member)

At-Large (three positions)

- David Price - Nuestra Comunidad (current SC member)
- Philip González - Community Catalyst (current SC member)
- Lilly Marcelin - Resilient Sisterhood Project

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Name	Sector	Term Ends	Other
Jamiese Martin	Coalition	12/31/14	Franklin Field/Hill
John Riordan	Coalition	12/31/14	Jamaica Plain
Kay Walsh	Coalition	12/31/14	South Boston
Pat Milano	Coalition	12/31/15	East Boston
Arnesse Brown	Coalition	12/31/15	South End
Valerie Frias	Coalition	12/31/15	Allston Brighton
Chien Chi Huang	Coalition	12/31/15	Healthy Chinatown
Karleen Porcena	Coalition	12/31/15	Mattapan United
Sara Coughlin	Coalition	12/31/15	Charlestown Against Substance Abuse
Vacant	Coalition	12/31/15	See eligible coalitions below
Magnolia Contreras	Hospital	12/31/14	Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
John Erwin	Hospital	12/31/15	Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
Paula McNichols	Health Center	12/31/14	Brookside Neighborhood Health Center
Barbara Lottero	Health Center	12/31/13	Greater Roslindale Medical & Dental Center
Philip González	At Large	12/31/15	Community Catalyst
Lilly Marcelin	At Large	12/31/15	Resilient Sisterhood project
David Price	At Large	12/31/15	Nuestra Comunidad
Kevin Hepner	At Large	12/31/14	United South End Settlements
Mae Fripp	At-Large	12/31/14	Committee for Boston Public Housing
Corey Yarborough	At Large	12/31/14	Hispanic Black Gay Coalition
Pam Jones	BPHC	N/A	
Vacant	MA DPH	N/A	

At-large Nominees



Phillip González - Program Director, Community Catalyst

As Project Director for the Roadmaps to Health Community Grants, Phillip oversees the provision of grant funding and technical support to local partnerships of policymakers, business, education, health care, and community organizations that are working to create positive policy change to address the social and economic factors that impact the health of people in their community.

The Roadmaps to Health Community Grants program is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation as part of its County Health Rankings and Roadmaps Initiative, which is led by the University of

Wisconsin Population Health Institute in partnership with Community Catalyst.

Before joining Community Catalyst, Phillip served as Director of Grantmaking for the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation. He holds a master's degree in public policy from the University of Massachusetts-Boston, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Vermont.



David Price - Executive Director, Nuestra Comunidad

David Price, Nuestra Comunidad's Executive Director since 2008, has been a leader in Boston's community-led development field for 16 years. Before joining Nuestra Comunidad, David worked for eight years as the Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel for Madison Park Development Corporation, a CDC also serving the Roxbury community. At Madison Park, he transformed a resident services department into a community organizing program whose accomplishments included the founding of the RoxVOTE coalition and co-founding of the Lower Roxbury Youth Collaborative. David has also served as the Executive Director of Tent City Corporation, a CDC serving Boston's South End. He joined the CDC field after practicing real estate law at the Boston firm of Goulston & Storrs, noted for its affordable housing practice. He has extensive experience in community organizing. David is a graduate of Harvard College and Boston College Law School.



Lilly Marcelin - Resilient Sisterhood Project

Lilly is a community activist and organizer who has dedicated her career to advocate for and work directly on behalf of underserved women and families in need of quality and compassionate health care & social services. Lilly has worked on a broad range of issues from gender based violence, human trafficking, health and socioeconomic disparities, women's reproductive health to racial and social justice. She is the Founding Director of the Resilient Sisterhood Project, dedicated to educate and empower women of African descent regarding common but rarely discussed diseases of the reproductive system that disproportionately affect them. Lilly approaches these diseases and associated issues through a cultural and social justice lens, because she believes that poor knowledge of reproductive health is primarily related to health, racial, and socioeconomic disparities.

Lilly holds a Bachelor's degree from Wellesley College. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in public policy at Tufts University—class of 2014. In addition, Lilly obtained a certificate from the Institute for Nonprofit Management and Leadership (INML) program from Boston University.

Hospital and Health Center Nominees

John Erwin - Executive Director, Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals

John Erwin serves as Executive Director of the Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals (COBTH). COBTH is an organization of fourteen Boston-area academic medical centers which advocates for public policies at the local, state and federal levels impacting academic medical centers' missions of medical education, patient care and biomedical research.

Prior to becoming Executive Director of COBTH in October of 2005, John held several progressively responsible positions during seven years at Tufts Health Plan, ultimately as Director of Government Affairs and Compliance. Prior to Tufts Health Plan, John held several positions in the public sector including Boston City Council Staff Director, overseeing financial and research staff assigned to Council Committees and Assistant Director of the State Council on Vocational Education under Governor Michael Dukakis.

John grew up in Boston, graduating from Boston Latin School and received his B.S. from the University of Massachusetts and his M.B.A. with a concentration in non-profit management from Boston University.

Health Center - to be determined

Neighborhood Coalition Nominees



Sara Coughlin - Charlestown Substance Abuse Coalition

Sara is currently the Director of the Charlestown Substance Abuse Coalition. Prior to becoming Director Sara served as the youth Prevention Director for the Coalition where she was responsible for grants management and reporting requirements for the Drug Free Communities, Tobacco Prevention, and Youth Prevention Grants. She was also responsible for providing Substance Use Disorder training for teachers, social workers, youth workers, police officers and parents and assisted with the development of the Charlestown Drug Court. Sara also served as District Based Clinical Social Worker for YouthConnect: Boston Police Department & Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston.

Sara received her MSW from Boston College and her BSW from Providence College.



Arnesse Brown - South End Coalition

Arnesse currently serves as Corporate Relations Manager for Tenants' Development Corporation where she acts a liaison with government agencies, community agencies and other stakeholders. Prior to her work at Tenants' Development Corporation she worked at United South End Settlements where she provided oversight for the day to day operations of the Arts, Education and Community Engagement Department, which includes the Senior Services program, all community engagement programs and events, the Revolving Gallery and the Community Center.

Arnesse received her BS in Business Management from Lesley University and is currently pursuing a Masters in Corporate Communication and Organization Development at Northeastern University.

Valerie Frias - Allston Brighton

Valerie currently serves as Interim Executive Director/Director of Strategic Partnerships for the Allston Brighton CDC. She oversees a staff of five full-time employees, part-time staff, a property management company and consultants at a vital community organization focused on building and supporting stable, strong and healthy Allston Brighton. She is responsible for building and maintaining all relationships with key neighborhood institutions, government officials and community groups; developing strategies to address investor and institutional impacts on the residents of Allston Brighton in a collaborative, resident-driven manner.

Previously she served as Policy Director for Boston City Councilor Matt O'Malley where she was responsible for all legal and policy-related matters for the Councilor including developing and strategically advancing affordable housing and public health policy matters in collaboration with local, state and federal governmental bodies and community partners.

Valerie received her JD from Northeastern University and a BA from Tufts University.



Chien-Chi Huang - Chinatown

Chien-Chi Huang is the founder of Asian Breast Cancer Project and is presently the Executive Director of Asian Women for Health. A skilled and passionate community advocate, Chien-Chi was the Asian Community Program Manager at the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling from 2006 to 2011 and she spearheaded several new health initiatives addressing the unique issues and challenges facing the Asian American community.

These initiatives included Asian American Problem Gambling Outreach efforts, Asian American Women’s Mental Health Symposium, Asian American Mental Health Forum, and Immigrants and Refugees Mental Health Network. A deft community organizer and trainer, Chien-Chi has provided capacity building, technical guidance and network

enhancement to community-based organizations and providers serving Asian Americans in the Commonwealth.

She also serves on the following committees: the National Advisory Panel on Addressing Disparities for PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcome Research Institute), the National Advisory Council for Asian & Pacific Islander National Cancer Survivors Network, the Dana Farber Community Benefits External Advisory Committee, the Steering committee for the AIM for Equity Network, Tufts Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) Community Advisory Committee, the Somerville Commission for Women, and participates fully in the Disparities & Health Equity Workgroup of Massachusetts Comprehensive Cancer Prevention & Control Program.

Chien-Chi is the recipient for the Cheryl Kramer Passion Award in 2011, the Trail Blazer award in 2012 and the Janice McGrath Survivor of the Year Award in 2013. Under her leadership, Asian Women for Health is one of the 6 recipients for the Peter Lee Healthy Communities Awards in 2013, with 12 nominations from partners and funders.



Karleen Porcena - Mattapan United

Karleen Porcena serves as the Lead Organizer for Mattapan United. Her experience working for the ABCD Mattapan Family Service Center, most recently as Operations Manager, allowed her to “work in the community everyday and really see how just a little assistance can effect a family.” Karleen has studied governmental and international relations and also has international experience working with communities and families living in severe poverty where she found “the resiliency of people with very limited resources.” Porcena is thrilled to be applying her experiences with Mattapan United.

Karleen holds a B.A. in Governmental and International Relations, with a concentration in Comparative Politics. She is currently attending graduate school at Suffolk University for a certificate in Non-Profit Management.