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*Recognizing and Treating Postpartum Depression: Women & Infants Hospital
of Rhode Island – A "Best Practice" in Meeting the Needs of Mothers and Babies*
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SPEAKERS' BIOS

Mark Marcantano

Mark R. Marcantano was named President and COO of Women & Infants Hospital, the primary teaching affiliate of The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University for obstetrics, gynecology and newborn pediatrics, in April 2014. Previous to that, he served as Acting President & COO. Prior to that time, he served as the executive vice president and chief operating officer since January 2010. Marcantano came to Women & Infants from Boston Children's Hospital where he served as vice president of ambulatory and network services. In this capacity, he was responsible for operations, budgeting, financial performance, business planning, and facility planning for ambulatory services on the hospital's main campus, as well as nine other network locations and a Community Health Center which recorded 55,000 visits annually. Prior to his position at Boston Children's Hospital, Marcantano was executive dean, senior vice president and chief operating officer of Albany Medical College, affiliated with Albany Medical Center, in New York. He was instrumental in recruiting new researchers, shepherding the renovation of facilities, and transforming traditional academic departments into entrepreneurial centers of excellence. Marcantano earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from New York University and went on to earn his juris doctor from Albany Law School of Union University. He currently serves as a member of the Board of Meeting Street.

Margaret Howard, PhD

Margaret Howard, PhD is a Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior (Clinical) and Medicine (Clinical) at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Dr. Howard is Division Director for Women's Behavioral Health and Director of the nation's first Mother-Baby Perinatal Psychiatric Partial Hospital at Women & Infants Hospital (WIH) in Providence RI. She is the Associate Director of the WIH/Brown University Women's Mental Health Fellowship. For the past 18 years, she has focused exclusively on the treatment of perinatal women with mental health disorders. Dr. Howard has extensive administrative experience in the establishment of psychiatric outpatient and partial hospital specialty programs focusing on women's issues. Dr. Howard has published, taught, and lectured nationally and internationally on the topic of perinatal psychiatric disorders. She was the recipient of the Eli Lilly Welcome Back Award for her innovative approach to the recognition and treatment of perinatal mood disorders. Her clinical and research interests include postpartum mood disorders, mother-infant attachment, perinatal anxiety disorders, and novel and integrated treatment approaches for perinatal women.

Bonnie Connors Jellen, MHSA

Bonnie Connors Jellen is Director of the Section for Maternal and Child Health at the American Hospital Association (AHA) and is responsible for working with over 2,000 member hospitals providing specialty care to women and children. Over three decades, she has worked exclusively in the maternal and child health field including positions at the AHA, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and on Capitol Hill for the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Child and Human Development. Bonnie has been active in many organizations including committee appointments at the March of Dimes, the Alan Guttmacher Institute, and other national and local child health initiatives. Bonnie has an undergraduate degree in Child Development from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and a graduate degree in Health Services Administration from The George Washington University, Washington D.C.