

## **Healthcare Executive Awards – June 10<sup>th</sup> 2015**

On June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Hospital Association, I had the privilege of presenting awards to two outstanding healthcare executives on behalf of the College and my fellow board members of the Massachusetts Chapter. Herewith a recap of the words shared that evening:

*Both recipients are who H. Jackson Brown Jr. was referencing when he wrote:*

***“Don't work for recognition, but do work worthy of recognition.”***

*These awards recognize two of our friends and colleagues who are living examples of doing work you love, in the service of others. We learn from their examples and we strive to emulate them – I have the honor of briefly introducing you to them, their commitment to our field, and their accomplishments.*

***The first award is The Early Career Healthcare Executive Award.***

*This award, as you'd imagine, is presented to someone early in their career who has already made significant contributions to their organizations and who has already proven their mettle as a leader, a role model and an example to others.*

*It gives me personal and professional pleasure to present this year's Early Career Healthcare Executive Award to my colleague and friend Dee Dee Chen.*

*Dee Dee serves as the Professional Staff Benefits Manager at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Where in her words “... it is my job to make sure all the physicians and researchers feel loved and appreciated by their employer.” Dee Dee is an alumna of Wellesley College and the Harvard School of Public Health. She started her MGH career as an administrative fellow*

*and has been a part of Partners Healthcare and the Massachusetts General Hospital for nine years. She volunteers as a Timilty Middle School Science Fair mentor and as an MGH Summer Jobs for Youth supervisor. She currently serves on the board of the Harvard University Credit Union and the Animal Care and Use Committee at the Forsyth Institute. She is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, volunteering as a young careerist mentor (her mentee of 3 years, Molly Wilson was just promoted to manager at the BI) and assisting with the investment subcommittee of the Massachusetts chapter. She is a member of the adjunct faculty at the Harvard School of Public Health and teaches Financial Accounting to unsuspecting master's students. In her spare time she enjoys, golf, tennis and eating...*

*Dee Dee - this award is presented to you in recognition of your leadership and myriad accomplishments at MGH, for your contributions to projects that have benefited your colleagues more broadly through the College, and for your dedication to your community through your service commitments. This award also recognizes that you have already established yourself as a respected colleague who others aspire to learn from and be mentored by. For your compassion and effectiveness, and in recognition of your ambition and aspirations, tonight we recognize and celebrate you Dee Dee!*

***The second award is The Senior Healthcare Executive Award.***

*This award is presented to an individual who has dedicated their career to leaving healthcare better than when they found it. This award is an opportunity to recognize someone in a senior leadership role who likely has more of their career in the rear view mirror than through the front windshield... more waters navigated in the wake of that skiff than lie at the bow... This award is presented to someone who has, and continues to be an exemplary leader of self and others, a kind and candid mentor, wise counsel and someone who I, and I know others lean on for advice, support and perspective.*

*It gives me enormous pleasure to present this year's Senior Healthcare Executive Award to my friend John Christoforo.*

*John serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Beth Israel Deaconess HealthCare (BIDHC), a network of Primary Care Physicians and Nurse Practitioners with more than 35 locations in the greater Boston area. BIDHC is a subsidiary of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) and he works closely with the Medical Center and its affiliated hospitals located in Needham, Milton, Plymouth, Lawrence and Newburyport.*

*John is well known in the Boston area health care community. He has over 30 years of experience in health care operations, finance, physician network development, facility planning, and business development. Prior to joining BIDHC, John was Chief Executive Officer of Radius Specialty Hospital in Boston (formerly Jewish Memorial Hospital). He has also held the positions of Vice President of Ancillary, Support and Facilities at North Shore Medical Center, Senior Vice President at USI Consulting Group, and Chief Operating Officer, within the Hallmark Health System in Greater Boston. He received his MBA with honors from the University of Chicago with specialization in Healthcare Administration and Finance and a BA in Economics from Cornell University.*

*John – during the time I have known you it has become clear that you are an invaluable asset to Beth Israel Deaconess HealthCare, it is also clear from listening to your peers, colleagues and friends (of which you have many – some would even say a fan club) that throughout your career you have proven to be a model leader to a vast number of aspiring and established healthcare leaders both here in Massachusetts and further afield. You approach your work with grace, candor, and good humor and continue to demonstrate the values and tenets of servant leadership that many of us strive to emulate.*

*On a personal note John, and from someone who came to healthcare as a second career, somewhat inexperienced, you have always treated me with respect, kindness and showed a sincere interest in my opinion and ideas – you have modeled what I and many around you aspire to be.*

*John - for your more than 30 years of service, for the lives of those you've changed for the better (patients, families and those that care for them), for your contributions to the rich and proud heritage that is healthcare in Massachusetts, for your contributions and visions that manifest as the educational and networking programs offered by the College, for your leading by example, and for your pragmatic, personally accountable, candid and kind approach to all that you do, we recognize and celebrate you!*