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“And the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep and autumn was awakened.” – Raquel Franco

Hello Participants and Caregivers!

I hope the summer has treated you well, and that this newsletter leads you into a blessed fall season.

We are excited to let you know that nearly 70% of participants are fully vaccinated. Thank you to all those who have gotten the vaccine.

We also want to let you know that we are monitoring the COVID-19 Delta variant closely. Although vaccination is not required of participants, we strongly encourage it as it will protect you from the virus, including this risky variant. If you would like to receive your COVID-19 vaccination, it is not too late to call your care team.

Finally, I am saddened to let you know that our beloved Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Gwendolyn Graddy, is retiring – news that is good for her but sad for us! She deserves to enjoy this next phase of life, yet she leaves *huge* shoes to fill. She deeply cares for and loves our participants and staff. She has been the face of the PACE program for the past 20 years, both in Southeast Michigan and nationally. From a personal perspective, my heart is full of gratitude to this amazing woman. She has been an exceptional physician leader and my devoted friend, partnering with me for the past seven years. I will miss her more than words can describe!

Thank you for choosing to be a PACE Southeast Michigan participant. Enjoy the cooler, crisper weather on the way!

Mary

MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS!



Robert Vaidya, Medical Director

Dr. Vaidya comes to us from Henry Ford Health System. He has held several roles there since 2012. He has played a vital role in their Care Clinic. This clinic provides comprehensive outpatient care. Dr. Vaidya has a master's in public health.



Nada Beydoun, Physician-In-Charge (Dearborn)

Dr. Beydoun has lived, trained, and worked in the greater Detroit area her whole life. She believes in giving back to the community and taking care of each other, especially seniors. She also believes in caring for the whole person; body, mind, and spirit.



Gerohnda Rushton, Physician-In-Charge (Eastpointe and Sterling Heights)

Dr. Rushton's passion is geriatric medicine. She enjoys working closely with families in shared decision making. She loves spending time with family and friends. She also enjoys walking, exercising, and hiking.



Sandy Waldrip, Director of Operations (Eastpointe & Sterling Heights)

Sandy has over 25 years of healthcare experience. She earned her Master's in Business Administration in 2015 at Davenport University. Sandy likes to read and go to the movies!

WE HAVE SOME EXCITING LEADERSHIP CHANGES!



Deborah Sloss

Deborah is our new Director of Home Care and Community Living. Prior to this role, she was the Director of Operations for our Dearborn and Pontiac centers.

Due to this, there will be slight changes at some of our centers:



Sandra White

For our Southfield and Dearborn centers, Sandra is the Director of Operations. She will also oversee the Rivertown center.



Christopher Pike

Christopher will be the Interim Director of Operations for the Rivertown center. He is currently the Center Manager.

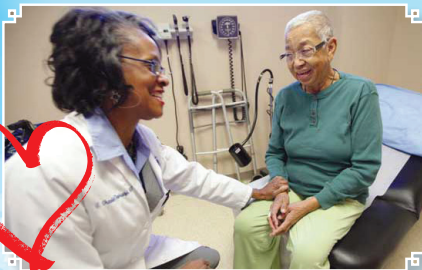
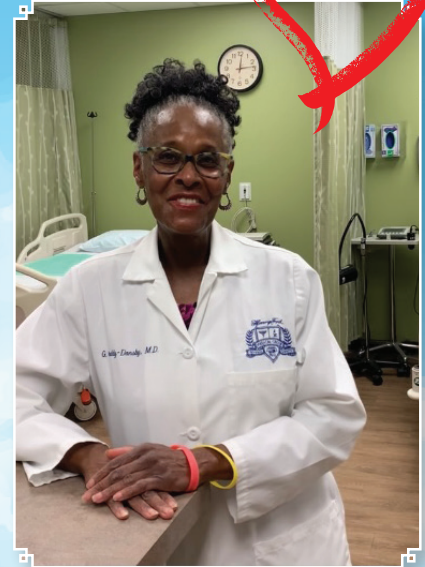


Donna Emch

Donna will continue to be our Vice President of Participant Care and Center Services. She will also cover as the Director of Operations for the Pontiac center.

A HAPPY RETIREMENT TO DR. GRADDY!

We want to wish Dr. Graddy a congratulations on her retirement! She has been a dedicated and appreciated asset to PACE Southeast Michigan for nearly 20 years. Her collegial good spirit will certainly be missed. Dr. Graddy has provided loving, kind, and effective care to thousands of our PACE Southeast Michigan participants.



We are forever grateful for her leadership. Dr. Graddy, thank you for all you have done. Enjoy your retirement and we can't wait to hear what's next for you!

We also wish a happy retirement to Dr. Rudolph Menchl, our Medical Director.

Dr. Menchl joined us two years ago when he agreed to come out of retirement to be a part of the PACE Southeast Michigan family. He has provided valuable leadership and also provided excellent care to our participants.



In September, PACE Southeast Michigan hosted their fifth annual *Breakfast Among Friends* event. This event supports the Community Giving Fund, which keeps our participants living safely in their homes. Thank you to our top sponsors!

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OUR VALUES:

- **Extraordinary Care**
- **Collaborative Teamwork**
- **Inspired Achievement**
- **Accountability**
- **Adaptive Growth**



As a PACE Southeast Michigan participant, all health care services are provided and arranged by your personal health care team. PACE participants may be fully liable for the costs of medical services from an out-of-network provider or without prior authorization with the exception of emergency services.

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