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“Stars” in Healthcare Honored at Health Council Gala Tuesday the 10th
Bank of America, Ray Tamasi, Stuart Altman, PhD, Peter Dolan, Christina Economos, PhD
36 Hospital Chefs Compete for “Best of the Best” Award
VIP Chef/Owner Roger Berkowitz of Legal Sea Foods Designs Dinner
Mistress of Ceremonies: WBZ’s Dr. Mallika Marshall

Massachusetts Health Council Annual
“Dining With The Stars” Gala
At the Sheraton Boston Hotel
Tuesday, October 10th, 2017

(Boston) Governor Charlie Baker kicks off the kudos for the 2017 Mass Health Council (MHC) Honorees at the “Dining With the Stars” Gala on Tuesday, October 10th, 2017 at the Sheraton Boston, emceed by WBZ’s Dr. Mallika Marshall.

“Star” Honorees include:

Bank of America for Excellence in Workplace Wellness
Stuart Altman, PhD, Chair of the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission
Peter Dolan & Christina Economos, PhD, Tufts University & ChildObesity180
Ray Tamasi, President & Founder, Gosnold Innovation Center

The sell-out event, the signature fundraiser for MHC, is historically attended by the “who’s who” in the healthcare community, celebrating MHC’s ground-breaking work in health care policy and advocacy. Presenting Sponsor Unicare leads a long list of impressive supporters (see Gold Silver & Bronze sponsors attached). The event has become equally known as a great annual culinary experience, featuring a lively competition during the cocktail hour (5:30 – 6:30 PM) where 36 chefs from 9 teams representing the best hospitals & health care organizations present their nutritious “small plates” for 600+ guests who vote on “Best of the Best” medals for the 3rd, 2nd and 1st place winners.
Culinary Teams will be competing from Brigham & Women’s, Beth Israel Deaconess, Benchmark Senior Health Care, Atria Health Care, UMass Medical Center, St. Elizabeth’s, Unidine Corporation, Signature Healthcare Brockton and the Northbridge Companies.

A VIP Judges panel chooses the top honors of “Chefs’ Choice” which this year has been named for Chef Manar Alsebai of Brigham and Women’s Hospital, a former winner of the “Best of the Best” competition, who passed away earlier this year. His family will be present as the award is presented at the end of the speaking program.

VIP Judges’ Panel includes Roger Berkowitz, President, CEO, Legal Sea Foods, Rich Vellante, Executive Corporate Chef, Legal Seafoods, Dariush Mozaffarian MD DrPH, Dean, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Allen Campbell, Chef, Author and former personal chef to Tom Brady NE Patriots, Phil Kafka, Executive Chef U FOOD GRILL and Eric Heinrich, Executive Chef, Sheraton Boston Hotel.

The annual fundraiser honors outstanding individual “stars” who have contributed to the health and well-being of all residents of the Commonwealth, “stars” in the culinary community who celebrate health and nutrition in their everyday work and “stars” in the community who work towards better health and wellness for all the citizens of the Commonwealth. According to Executive Director David Martin, “We are so proud of the work we’ve done, and continue to do, from the early issues of vaccines to fluoridation to the seat belt law and our current work with Governor Baker and others on the Opioid crisis, childhood obesity and legislation to curb sugary drinks in throughout the community, something we reported on early and is front and center in the advocacy we do every day of the year. This event is our biggest source of funds to continue and expand on this work.”

Martin will also introduce a new project with a Chefs’ Council, to advocate for more nutritious selections of foods in public schools across the state.

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