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## Cheryl Bartlett



Cheryl Bartlett is the President and CEO of the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center. Ms. Bartlett is an accomplished professional with over 35 years of leadership experience in nursing, health care administration, public health and health policy positions. Throughout her nursing career Cheryl received national certification in four different nursing specialties; cardiac, dialysis, HIV/AIDS and infection control. Ms. Bartlett was the founder and Executive Director of the Nantucket AIDS Network and received state and national

recognition for her community approach to prevention, education, case management and clinical care for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. She was recognized twice by the Massachusetts AIDS Action Committee as a "Hero Action" and "Unsung Hero" for her dedication and compassion in the fight against AIDS.

Cheryl served as Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health under Governor Patrick implementing many innovative public health interventions and programs. She is the first nurse to have been appointed to serve as Commissioner. Under Cheryl's leadership Massachusetts was the first state in the nation to declare the use of opioids and associated overdose deaths a public health emergency and to provide universal access to nasal Narcan, a drug to reverse overdoses. Cheryl chaired the Northeast Governor's Opioid Task Force to develop the first in the nation regional plan to address substance use and distribution. She led the Patrick's administration's signature anti-obesity initiative, Mass in Motion, recognized nationally as an innovative public health model, to promote health and wellness in communities across the Commonwealth. She chaired the inaugural Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund's advisory board, the Statewide Comprehensive Cancer Advisory Board and the Interagency Council for Substance Abuse Prevention.

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Ms. Bartlett has served on numerous boards of nonprofit organization to address homelessness, domestic violence, substance use, mental health, public health and positive youth development. Currently she serves on the boards of Boston Medical Center's Accountable Care Organization (BACO), the Plymouth Peer Recovery Center, on the Health Policy Committee of the MA- Chapter of the ANA and the MA Health Policy Commission's Advisory Board. She has been recognized by the Massachusetts Senate, House of Representatives and Governor Patrick for her outstanding contributions and commitment to improving the health of the residents across the state. Bartlett has held elected and appointed positions in several municipalities in Massachusetts including; the Nantucket Board of Selectmen, Nantucket Council of Human Services and Barnstable Planning Board. Cheryl received her nursing training at Yale New Haven Hospital and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Stonehill College in Health Care Administration.

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