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MassPI's Cindy Steinberg Appointed to National Pain Research Coordinating Committee

Interagency Committee Tasked to Transform Pain Prevention, Care, Education and Research

Hyannis, Mass. – [HopeHealth](http://HopeHealth.com) announced that Cindy Steinberg, chair of the Policy Council of the Massachusetts Pain Initiative (MassPI), has been appointed to the Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee (IPRCC). The IPRCC was created by the Department of Health and Human Services as part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to enhance pain research efforts and promote collaboration across the government, with the ultimate goals of advancing fundamental understanding of pain and improving pain-related treatment strategies.

Steinberg's appointment will extend to 2017. The Committee is comprised of seven Federal members and 12 non-Federal members. IPRCC is the highest ranking pain policy oversight committee in the United States. It has been charged with the oversight of the development of the National Pain Strategy, the first comprehensive populations-health level plan to transform pain preventions, care, education and research.

"I am honored to serve among this distinguished group of pain leaders and experts," said Steinberg. "Chronic pain is complex. Advances in pain research hold the key to more effective treatments for the millions of Americans whose lives have been devastated by chronic pain."

"As chair of the Policy Council of MassPI, Cindy works tirelessly advocating to end needless suffering for those with persistent and acute pain, and to improve the quality of life for all people affected by pain," said David Rehm, president & CEO of HopeHealth. "I am delighted to see Cindy appointed to this committee. She will help guide us toward promising advances in pain research, care and education."

About Massachusetts Pain Initiative

MassPI is a statewide, nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to ending needless suffering from persistent and acute pain and to improving the quality of life for all people affected by pain. Comprised of healthcare professionals and laypersons, the organization includes physicians, nurses, social workers, caregivers and community members who are interested in helping people with pain. Membership in the organization is free. MassPI works with volunteers interested in improving the quality of life for those affected by pain. For information, visit MassPainInitiative.org or contact Info@MassPainInitiative.org.

About [HopeHealth](#)

HopeHealth, formerly known as Hospice & Palliative Care of Cape Cod, has been enhancing the quality of life for people experiencing serious illness and loss for more than 30 years. Today, the non-profit organization delivers a wide range of medical care, care management and support services throughout eastern Massachusetts. The HopeHealth family of services includes: Hope Hospice; Hope HouseCalls; Hope Dementia & Alzheimer's Services; Hope Care for Kids; Hope Community Care; and Hope Academy. In June 2014, the Massachusetts Pain Initiative affiliated with the organization. Learn more by calling (800) 642-2423 or visiting HopeHealthCo.org.

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