

BOSTON BOARD OF HEALTH

November 8th, 2013

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE REPORT

DR. BISOLA OJIKUTU
NOVEMBER 8TH, 2023



MISSION STATEMENT



OUR MISSION

To work in partnership with communities to protect and promote the health and well-being of all Boston residents, especially those impacted by racism and systemic inequities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BY VOTE OF THE BOARD

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BUILDING A HEALTHY BOSTON

AUDITOR'S REPORT

TIM HARRINGTON,
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

JENNIFER COOK
CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN

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Boston Public Health Commission

Audit – Year Ended June 30, 2023

Board Meeting – November 8, 2023

Agenda



Terms of Engagement



Audit Status



Financial Highlights



GAO and Single Audit



Questions



Terms of Engagement

Financial Statements

Express opinions on whether the basic financial statements are presented in accordance with GAAP

Provide a report on internal control over financial reporting and compliance with laws, regulations, contracts and grants (GAO Report)

Communicate any other internal control deficiencies identified during the audit

Uniform Guidance Report – Federal Programs

Express an in relation to opinion on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards programs

Express an opinion on compliance related to major federal award programs

Provide a report on internal control over compliance related to major federal award programs



Audit Status

Draft Financial Statements Received October 20th

Outstanding Items:

- Board Inquiry
- City of Boston Confirmation
- GASB 96 Implementation



Financial Highlights – Statements of Net Position

	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Current assets	\$ 106,504	\$ 64,272	\$ 42,232	66%
Capital assets	26,617	24,500	2,117	9%
Noncurrent assets	87,472	86,713	759	1%
Deferred outflows of resources	63,055	32,811	30,244	92%
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows	283,648	208,296	75,352	36%
Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Current liabilities	31,970	40,969	(8,999)	-22%
Noncurrent liabilities	271,829	210,569	61,260	29%
Deferred inflows of resources	96,543	130,858	(34,315)	-26%
Total Liabilities and Deferred Outflows	400,342	382,396	17,946	5%
Net Position				
Net investment in capital assets	20,374	17,823	2,551	14%
Unrestricted	(137,068)	(191,923)	54,855	-29%
Total net position	\$ (116,694)	\$ (174,100)	\$ 57,406	-33%

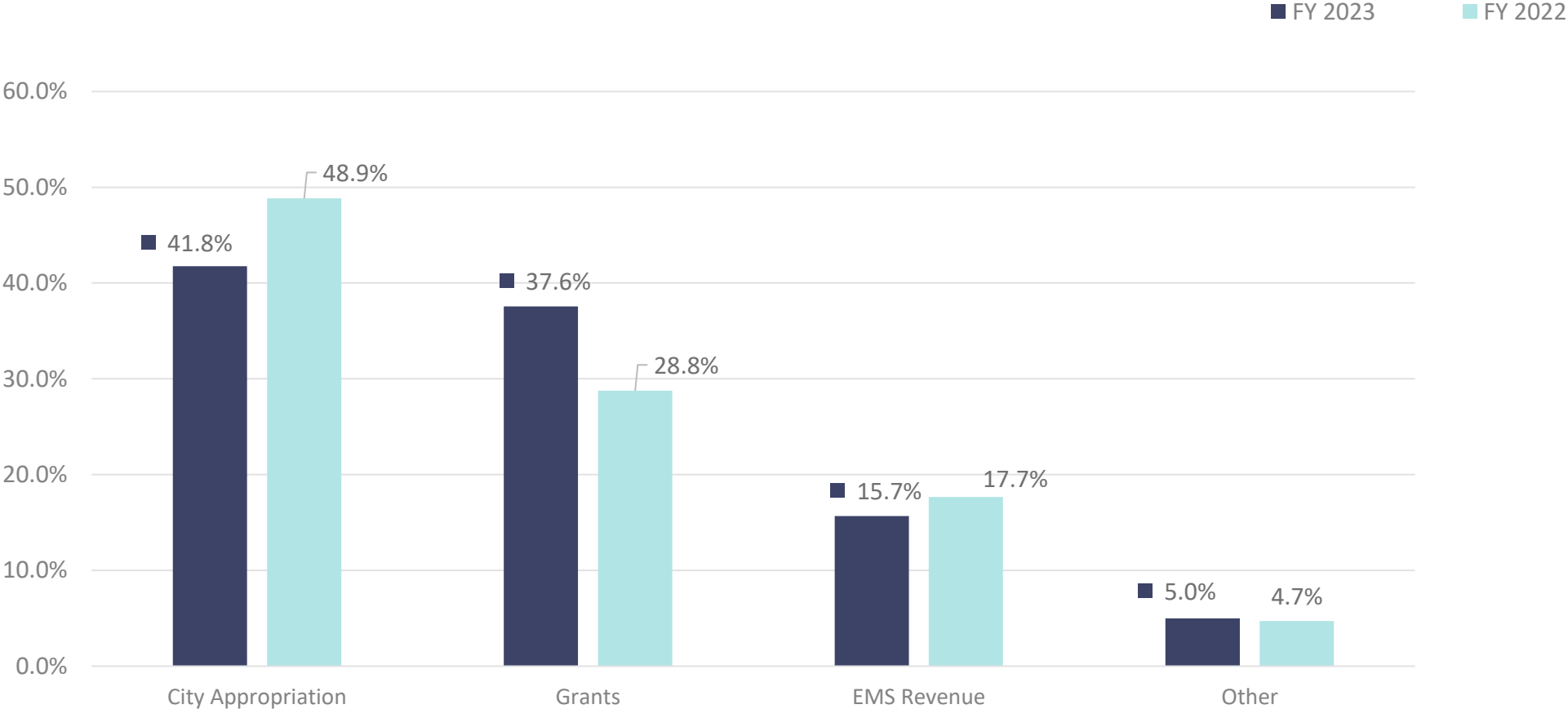


Financial Highlights – Statements of Changes in Net Position

	6/30/2023	6/30/2022	Change	Change (%)
Operating Revenues	\$ 162,489	\$ 118,132	\$ 44,357	38%
Operating Expenses	229,958	230,180	(222)	0%
Operating Income	(67,469)	(112,048)	44,579	-40%
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses), Net	124,875	116,403	8,472	7%
Change in net position	57,406	4,355	53,051	1218%
Net position, beginning of year	(174,100)	(178,455)	4,355	-2%
Net position, end of year	\$ (116,694)	\$ (174,100)	\$ 57,406	-33%



Financial Highlights – Revenue Funding Sources



GAO and Single Audit Reports

Financial Statements (GAO):

- Audit still in process

Uniform Guidance (Single Audit):

- Single Audit – Planning Phase
 - Preliminary SEFA has been received
- Due Date: 3/31/2024



Uniform Guidance Report

Total Federal Expenditures: \$86.6M

Major Programs by Assistance Listing Number:

93.914 – HIV Emergency Relief Grant

21.027 – Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds

93.959 – Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse

93.495 – Community Health Workers for Public Health Response

93.391 – Activities to Support State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Health Department Response to Public Health



Questions?



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UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER RESPONSE

DR. BISOLA OJIKUTU

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BUILDING A HEALTHY BOSTON

TIMELINE

- **August 28th**
 - Mayor Wu files Ordinance creating framework for removing tents and tarps
- **September 28th**
 - Ordinance Hearing
- **October 16th**
 - Ordinance Working Session
- **October 25th**
 - Revised Ordinance adopted by Council
 - Ordinance signed by Mayor Wu
 - Offers of shelter, housing, treatment, storage, and transportation made by outreach staff
- **November 1st**
 - Remaining individuals accept offers of shelter and services, street cleaned



STATUS UPDATES: NOVEMBER 1st

- More than 100 individuals accepted offers of placement (73 low threshold)
- No arrests
- Expanded public safety presence
- BPHC Recovery Services Outreach Teams transitioned to mobile model



727 MASSACHUSETTS AVE SITE

- Stood up quickly, leveraging internal resources and strengths
- Creates safe day and night space for 30 individuals who had been living in tents and are working with case managers
- Focus on those experiencing barriers to other shelter and housing settings
- Provides health, harm reduction, housing search, and other supports
- Early successes for individual guests
- Ongoing public safety staffing and coordination



ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND APPRECIATION

- Recovery Services Bureau
- Homeless Services Bureau
- Public Safety
- Property
- BostonEMS
- Community Initiatives Bureau
- Mayor's Office
- Mayor's Office of Housing
- BPD
- Partners including Eliot, Victory, Newmarket BID, Boston Health Care For the Homeless Program



WORK AHEAD

- Preventing overdoses, maintaining linkages to care, harm reduction
- Engagement and case management to ensure progress on individual pathways to stability and housing
- Ensuring individual shelter capacity during winter months
- Continued collaboration with City and partner organizations to adapt to changing conditions
- Long-term planning for system that meets needs



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH DATA AND PROGRAM REPORT

JOHNNA MURPHY

PROGRAM DIRECTOR, HEALTH OF BOSTON, CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION

BECKY CRUZ-CROSSON

DIRECTOR OF HEALTHY START SYSTEMS, CHILD, ADOLESCENT, AND FAMILY HEALTH BUREAU

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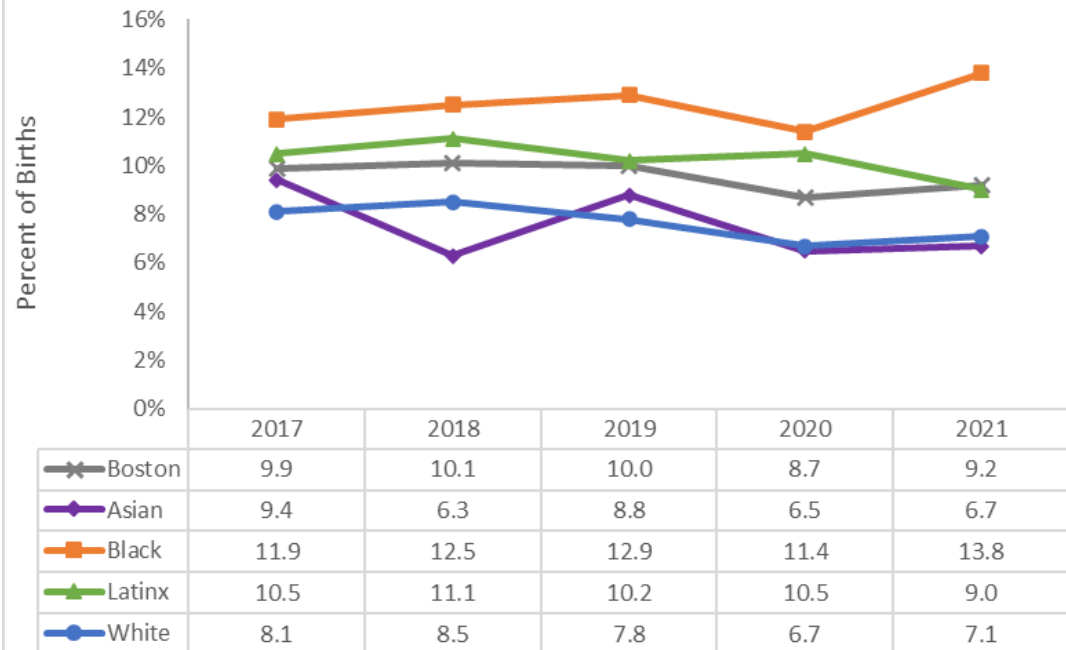


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MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH

Preterm Birth Rate and Infant Mortality Rate

Preterm Births by Race/Ethnicity and Year, 2017-2021

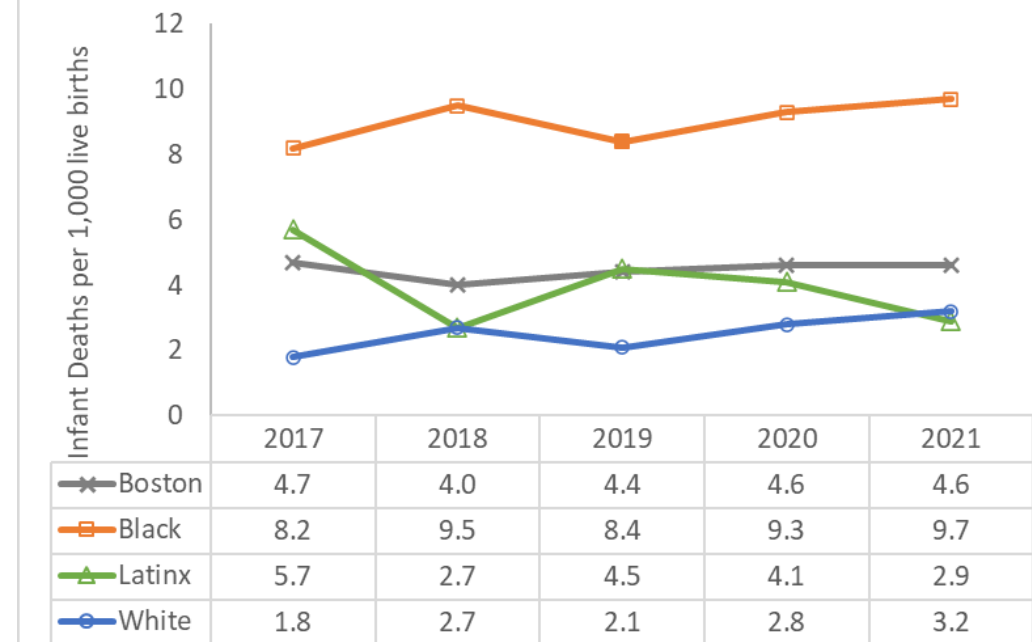


- Significant decrease in preterm births among White residents
- Preterm birth rate among Black residents was 2X that of White residents
- Preterm birth rate among Latinx residents sig. higher than White residents

Similarly

- Low birthweight births among Black residents was 2X White residents
- Low birthweight births among Latinx sig. higher than White residents

Infant Mortality by Race/Ethnicity and Year, 2017-2021

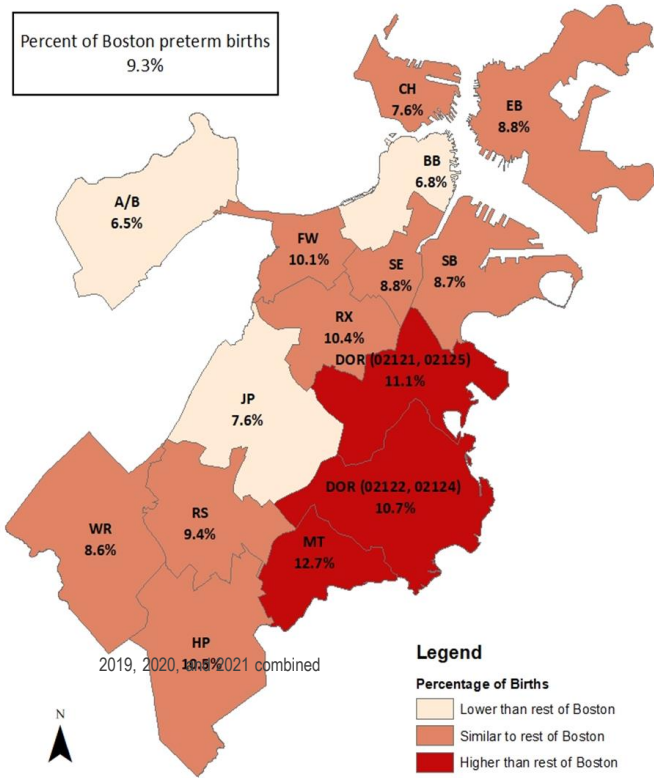


- Infant mortality among Black residents was >3X that of White residents
- Infant mortality among Black residents was >3X that of Latinx residents
- Low infant mortality among Asian residents (not reported here)

MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH

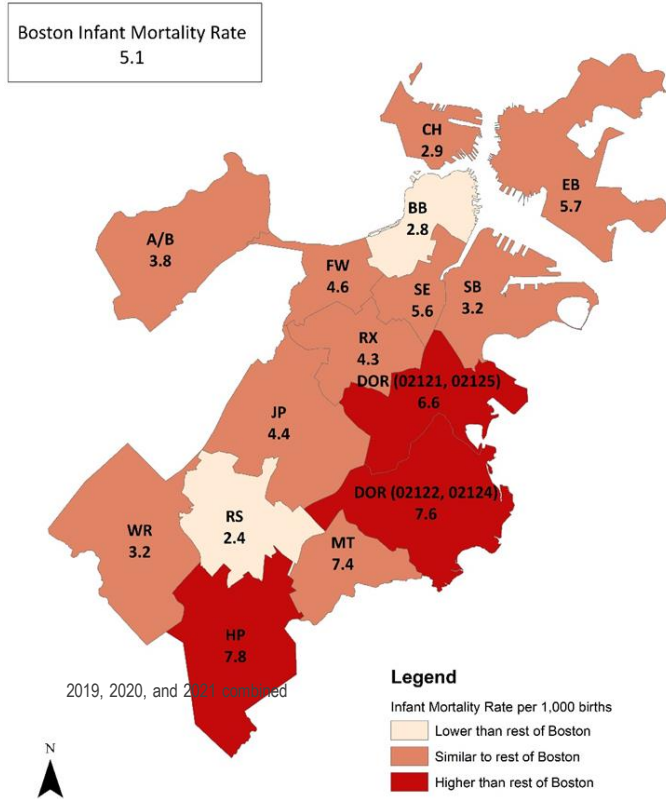
Preterm Birth and Infant Mortality Rates by Neighborhood

Preterm Births (%)



DATA SOURCE: Boston resident live births, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)



DATA SOURCE: Boston live births, Massachusetts Department of Public Health; Boston resident deaths, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

- Striking differences in pre-term births and infant mortality by neighborhood
- Highest rates of both outcomes in Dorchester, Mattapan and Hyde Park



HEALTHY START SYSTEMS

Our Mission

Promote the health and well-being of women, children, and families in the City of Boston, particularly those living in communities that are disproportionately impacted by infant mortality and other health disparities



HEALTHY START SYSTEMS

Boston Healthy Start Initiative (BHSI)

BHSI serves self-identified Black women/persons that are pregnant or postpartum up to 18 months through care coordination, connection to resources, health education, and advocacy.

BHSI coordinates the Community Action Network (CAN), a community coalition focusing on reducing inequities in infant mortality and poor birth outcomes through policy strategies.



Morgan Taylor-McFadden,
BHSI Director

HEALTHY START SYSTEMS

Fetal and Infant Mortality Review (FIMR)

H.2187/S.1414, “An Act relative to conducting fetal and infant mortality review”

What would this bill do?

- Authorize local health agencies to create fetal and infant mortality reviews (FIMR). FIMR would track individual cases of infant and fetal deaths within communities to identify local factors that may have an impact on infant and fetal mortality.

Why is this bill necessary?

- While Massachusetts currently has one of the lowest infant mortality rates in the country, racial disparities persist. The infant mortality rate for infants of color, especially Black infants, is significantly higher than their white counterparts.
- FIMRs would allow communities to examine individual cases of fetal and infant mortality to improve health disparities at a local level.
- FIMRs are conducted in multiple other states with evaluations indicating significantly improved performance of public health functions.

Bill Status:

The bills have been referred to the Joint Committee on Public Health. Hearing scheduled for November 15th.

BOSTON HEALTHY START INITIATIVE

Our History and Impact

BHSI has been part of a national initiative to reduce racial inequities in infant mortality and poor birth outcomes for the past 33 years.

Eligibility

Residents receiving services at affiliated health centers or through Healthy Baby Healthy Child who self-identify as Black women.

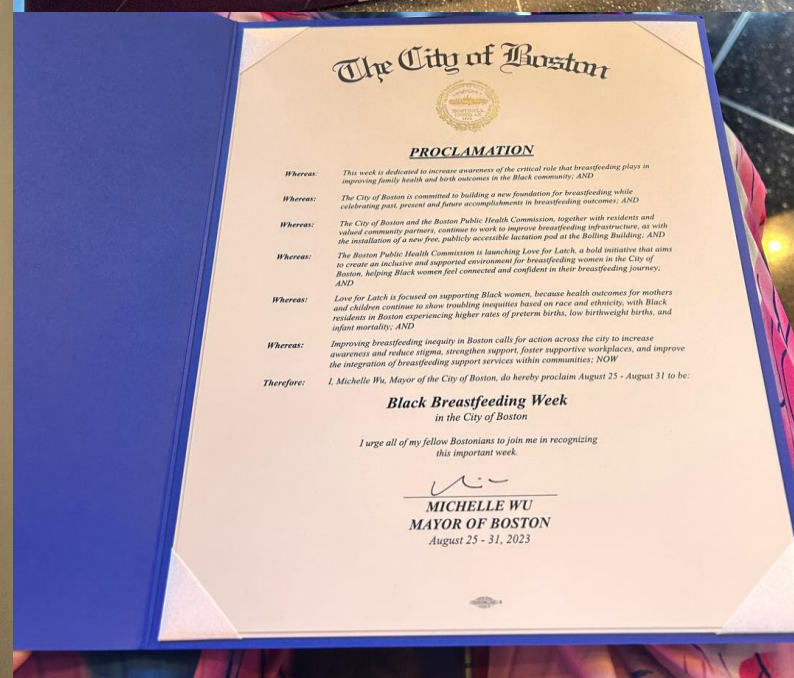
Boston Residents Served

- 509 children
- 403 pregnant women
- 295 post-partum women



- Bowdoin Street Health Center
- BMC Teen & Tots Program
- Codman Square Health Center
- Mattapan Community Health Center
- Whittier Street Health Center





The City of Boston

PROCLAMATION

Whereas: This week is dedicated to increase awareness of the critical role that breastfeeding plays in improving family health and birth outcomes in the Black community; AND

Whereas: The City of Boston is committed to building a new foundation for breastfeeding while celebrating past, present and future accomplishments in breastfeeding outcomes; AND

Whereas: The City of Boston and the Boston Public Health Commission, together with residents and valued community partners, continue to work to improve breastfeeding infrastructure, as with the installation of a new free, publicly accessible lactation pod at the Bolling Building; AND

Whereas: The Boston Public Health Commission is launching Latch, a bold initiative that aims to create an inclusive and supported environment for breastfeeding women in the City of Boston, helping Black women feel connected and confident in their breastfeeding journey; AND

Whereas: Love for Latch is focused on supporting Black women, because health outcomes for mothers and children continue to show troubling inequities based on race and ethnicity, with Black residents in Boston experiencing higher rates of preterm births, low birthweight births, and infant mortality; AND

Whereas: Improving breastfeeding inequity in Boston calls for action across the city to increase awareness and reduce stigma, strengthen support, foster supportive workplaces, and improve the integration of breastfeeding support services within communities; NOW

Therefore: I, Michelle Wu, Mayor of the City of Boston, do hereby proclaim August 25 - August 31 to be:

Black Breastfeeding Week
in the City of Boston

I urge all of my fellow Bostonians to join me in recognizing this important week.

Michelle Wu
MICHELLE WU
MAYOR OF BOSTON
August 25 - 31, 2023

HEALTHY START SYSTEMS

Highlight: Healthy Baby Healthy Child

A city-funded home visiting program that provides nursing, advocacy, and social work services from pregnancy through early childhood.

- **Eligibility**
 - Boston residents with children up to age five
- **Currently Serving**
 - 900 children
 - 423 pregnant women
 - 586 post-partum women
 - 39 fathers



HEALTHY START SYSTEMS

Highlight: Healthy Start in Housing

A city-funded program to support housing insecure high risk pregnant and/or parenting families, to secure and retain housing.

- **Eligibility**

- Pregnant/or with a child up to the age of 2 yrs. Old
- Medical condition (mother or child(ren))
- Housing unstable

- **Boston Residents Served**

- 54 families currently housed and provided services



HEALTHY START IN HOUSING

Nadine Jones Ruffin, HSIH Program Manager



HEALTHY START SYSTEMS

Supportive Programs



Father Friendly Initiative

Richard DeRosa
FFI Director



Food Pantry "Shirley's Pantry"

Shirley Shillingford,
Food Pantry Coordinator



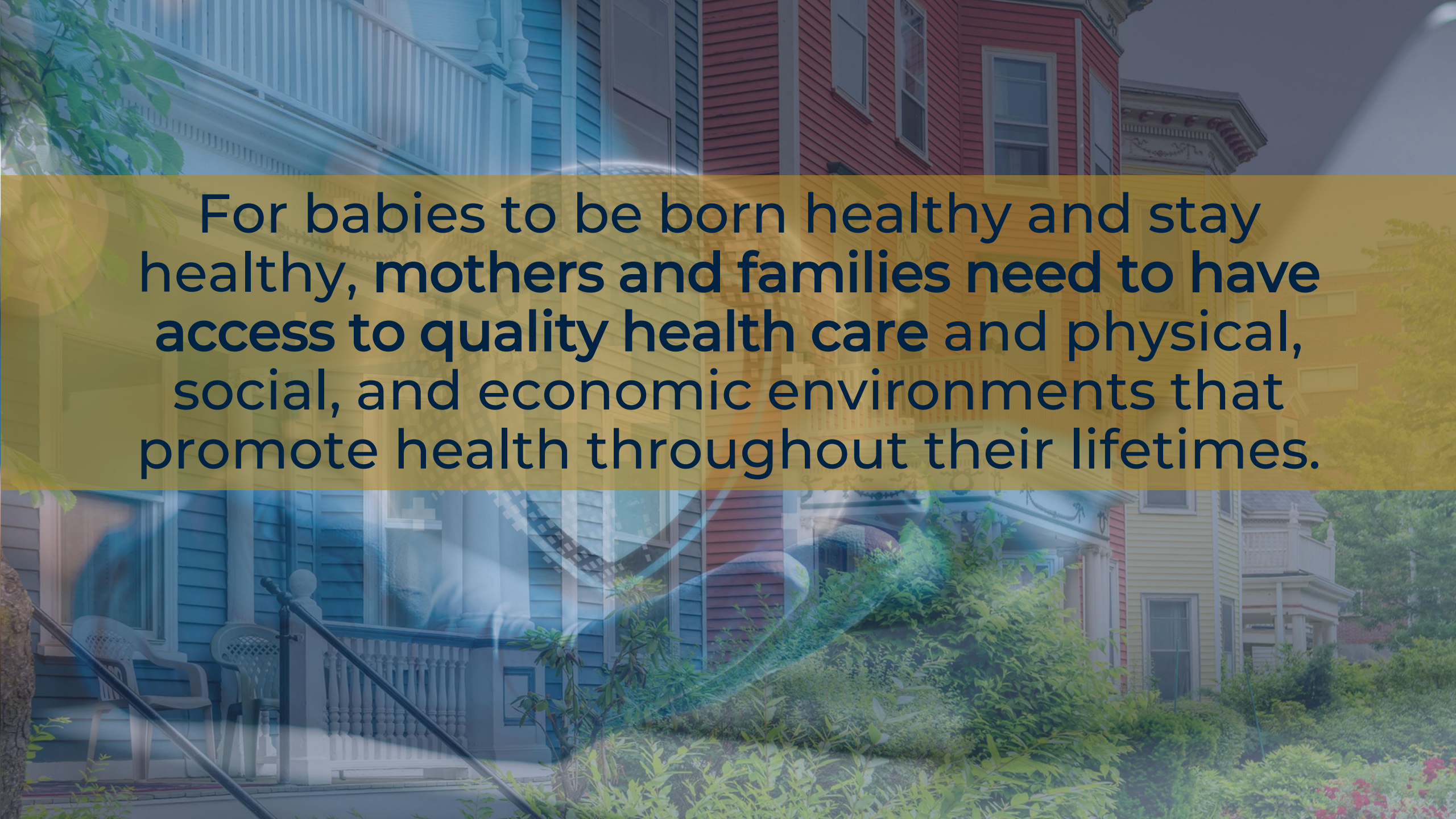
Early Childhood Mental Health

Cherline Arnoux,
Interim Director



Welcome Family

Elsie Morantus-Petion, PHN
WF Manager

A row of colorful houses (blue, red, yellow) with a semi-transparent text overlay. The houses have porches and are surrounded by greenery. The text is centered and reads: "For babies to be born healthy and stay healthy, mothers and families need to have access to quality health care and physical, social, and economic environments that promote health throughout their lifetimes."

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