



This Week in Primary Care PC4AA Driving Change and Better Spending

PC4AA's organic approach is our great strength. Advancing primary care upwards by and for the community means innovations can proceed only by making sense locally. Whatever the community decides as "better" drives better spending.

A catchy, powerful, appropriate phrase comes our way from another historically disenfranchised community: those with disabilities. "[Nothing about us without us](#)" accelerated in the 1990s amidst activists weary of being told by far-removed government and non-government entities what their priorities should be, accompanied by solutions imposed (and thereafter protected, propped up, financed) from afar.

This also helps us understand a question we hear frequently, "How is it possible that bad programs persist?" Consider that people elsewhere got paid to build and impose the irregularities that impede locally grown primary care. They're not usually evil. Like most normal folks it's difficult to impossible to repudiate their own work. After all, they need their jobs too.

PC4AA takes all this in stride, supporting purposeful transformation wherever it takes root in local ground. When people ask PC4AA, "What's the solution?" we say, "You're the solution, and here are examples (and the means) for how to go about it in your village, town, or city."

These are remarkable times. Let's not be troubled by the state of healthcare in America. Together we're finding our way every week, in every PC4AA initiative, every newsletter to more optimism-inspiring projects and people. In this issue we highlight more works-in-progress and changes in primary care's advance:

- Enjoy our founder's recent interview, entitled "[Don't Agonize, Organize!](#)" in the Courageous Conversations Series
- Organic change by focused effort (and an evolving PC4AA playbook) in [New Bedford, Massachusetts](#)
- [The new SACA Clinic](#) in Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- [UPMC Family Practice Residency in Lipitz, Pennsylvania closes](#) while nearby [UPenn affiliate Family Practice Residency remains strong](#) in Lancaster, PA, only 10 miles away.

Do you know of exemplary initiatives? Send them our way!

Watch this space as we anticipate a remarkable sequence of new projects in coming weeks that will take us east coast to west coast, and from northernmost towards southernmost America. These are good times where communities make them so.

To learn even more about what we do—and what you can do—join our **Teach-In/Learn-In** on July 15 at 8:30 pm Eastern Time, when Jonathan Bushman, DO, will present **Pathway Program to Help Communities Build Primary Care in Oklahoma**

Do you have skills to share?
Volunteer with Primary Care for All Americans!

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Become a Primary Care Champion!

Your support will help power the movement for primary care for all!

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Click on the images below for more primary care transformation stories.





The Evolving (New) New Bedford Story

Pam Cavanaugh retired from the Greater New Bedford, Massachusetts Community Health Center three years ago. In August 2024 she received a phone call from the CEO asking if she would be interested in a part-time job. She told her that she would be interested. Michael Fine, MD called her to explore her interest in supporting the work of Primary Care for All Americans in creating a local Work Group in New Bedford. Here's the story in more detail.

[Read More](#)



Teach-In/Learn-In
Tuesday, July 15
8:30pm EDT



**Jonathan
Bushman, DO**
**Pathway
Programs to
Help Communities
Build Primary
Care in Oklahoma**

REGISTER NOW!
bit.ly/july15zoom

*Join PC4AA for a conversation
about making primary care
accessible for all!*

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Miss our most recent Teach In/Learn In?
You can watch here!



Teach-In/Learn-In
Tuesday, June 3rd
8:30pm EDT

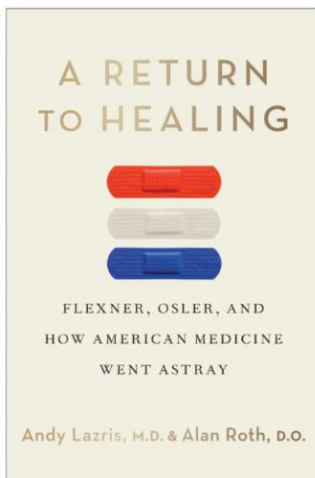


Gabrielle Yarru, MD

**How to Invite
Policy Makers to
Help Bring
Primary Care to
Everyone**

[Watch Video](#)

**PC4AA board member, Alan Roth, M.D., together with
Andy Lazris, D.O., has written a new book that will
empower you to navigate today's health care landscape!**



Despite America's reputation for medical advancements, our healthcare system remains deeply flawed, plagued by high costs, bureaucratic inefficiencies, and a fixation on metrics rather than on patient well-being. For patients and providers alike, this system often prioritizes profit-driven protocols over compassionate, personalized care, resulting in a growing distrust among those it serves.

In **A RETURN TO HEALING: Flexner, Osler, and How American Medicine Went Astray** (University of Toronto Press; March 25, 2025), Dr. Andy [Lazris](#) and Dr. Alan Roth explore how American medicine reached this crisis point—and how we can get back on track.

With over 75 years of combined experience, Drs. [Lazris](#) and Roth trace the roots of our healthcare challenges to the early 20th century, when the 1911 Flexner Report, backed by powerful industry leaders, transformed medicine from a hands-on healing profession into a research-centered, numbers-driven industry. Through compelling patient stories and a critical examination of history, the authors contrast the prevailing approach with the compassionate, patient-centered philosophy advocated by William Osler—a vision that, if revived, could restore trust and efficiency to American healthcare.

Written for both patients and policymakers, **A RETURN TO HEALING** offers pragmatic advice for navigating today's healthcare landscape and provides actionable insights for reforming it. By shedding light on the origins of systemic issues like over-treatment and the prioritization of "fixing numbers" over genuine care, Drs. [Lazris](#) and Roth empower readers to become more informed patients and advocates for a healthcare system that is both sensible and humane.

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We're hiring!

Primary Care for All Americans is searching for enthusiastic people for the following part-time roles. Depending on your qualifications, job descriptions may be combined or adjusted. Pay is \$20-\$30/hour, depending on experience. No experience is required, except where noted.

- The production associate will coordinate constituent relations, manage the mailing list, produce bi-weekly newsletters, manage the scheduling of meetings for multiple committees and state and local workgroups, update the website, and help out in other ways that come up. Five hours per week.
- The communications associate will develop and nurture relationships with external partners, oversee internal and external communications, including social media, and contribute to the newsletter and website.

Please express your interest by emailing us:

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If You've Ever Participated in the National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program

We would like to interview you for an upcoming issue of the PC4AA newsletter to learn:

- What did your service mean to you?
- How did your experiences change your life and practice?
- How did your presence affect the health of communities where you served?
- What stories stay with you?
- What does the NHSC mean for healthcare today?

Please click below to contact [Eve Shapiro](#) and share your story!

Contact Eve

Become a Primary Care Champion!

We're excited to invite you to join us in making a meaningful difference in healthcare access for all Americans. By becoming a Primary Care Champion, you can support our vital work and help us create a healthier future for everyone.

Every contribution counts!

Together, we can drive impactful change in our communities.

Thank you for considering becoming a Primary Care Champion!

- Do you have a primary care story? Good or bad, **we want to hear it!**
- Follow PC4AA on **Instagram**, **Facebook**, and **LinkedIn!**
- We are looking for volunteers to work with our social media team! **Click here** if you are interested.

- Please **support PC4AA** in the fight for primary care for people, not for profit!

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HOW TO BOOST PC4AA ON SOCIALS!



[Link here to our socials and more!](#)

Each week we showcase how access to primary care makes people healthier, saves money, and can be the cornerstone of a healthcare system that puts people over profit. Was this newsletter forwarded to you? Do you believe in access to primary care for all Americans? **Click here to join our mailing list!**

[Invite a Friend to Join the Movement!](#)

Share Your Primary Care Story With Us!

Have you had an unfortunate experience trying to access primary care? A great experience with a primary care provider? Whether you are a patient, caretaker, or health care professional, we want to hear your story! How has access to primary care affected you and your family?

[Tell Us Your Story](#)

We may even ask you to share your story with our supporters in one of our Teach-In/Learn-Ins! You can watch Kristen's story for inspiration.



Watch Recordings of All Our Recent Teach-In/Learn-Ins

[PC4AA Videos](#)

The PC4AA Website is now available in Spanish!

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