

## **Janine Petraca Fonseca** **2025 Beacon Award**

Janine is dedicated to serving the community. She is a devoted and compassionate clinician who provides care to EBCAP's more acute clients with serious mental illness. She was among eight health center employees honored this year with a Rhode Island Health Center Association (RICHA) Beacon Award. Each honoree was chosen for their strength, service, and care to their colleagues and health center patients.

As noted during the award ceremony, Janine was recognized for leading her team during a stressful staffing shortage. "Not only did she continue to provide excellent care to our clients, Janine held her team together and was a consummate leader," states Amy Maguire, VP of EBCAP's Behavioral Health Services. "She served as both hospital liaison and interim manager while continuing her regular duties, working with the organization's most acute mentally ill population. Despite the demanding workload and long hours, she maintained a positive attitude and kept her team together," adds Amy.

Janine is also committed to advancing her career and recently enrolled, as a part-time student, in Rhode Island College's Master of Social Work program. And true to form, her academic pursuits added to another notable achievement. Janine was selected as the 2025 recipient of the Brenda Seagrave-Whittle Social Work Scholarship Award. This annual scholarship is presented by RIHCA and Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (NHPRI) and honors a community health center employee pursuing or advancing a career in social work.

"This award reflects the compassion, dedication, and service that defined Brenda Seagrave-Whittle's legacy during her 24-year tenure as NHPRI's Chief Marketing Officer," states Amy. "Janine's commitment to her community and the values of high-quality, person-centered care make her a perfect recipient of this scholarship."

"I am very grateful to EBCAP and for the opportunity to receive this scholarship," adds Janine.

