

Robert Newman, 26.10.1937 – 01.08.2018

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Robert Newman

NEWMAN--Robert ("Bob") G., MD, MPH, 80, passed away on August 01, 2018. As CEO of Beth Israel Medical Center for 20 years, he championed the creation of palliative care and hospice programs, as well as a very successful Japanese medical-resident exchange program for which he was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun by his Excellency Sumio Kusaka then Japan Ambassador, Consul-General in New York. He then led the creation of Continuum Health Partners in 1997, from which he retired in 2001. From 2001 until 2013, Robert served as Director of the Baron Edmond de Rothschild Chemical Dependency Institute of Beth Israel Medical Center. For over 40 years, he played a major role in planning and directing some of the largest addiction treatment programs in the world, including the New York City Methadone Maintenance and Ambulatory Detoxification Programs, which in the 1970s served 33,000 patients annually. He was a prolific writer of op-eds and author of "Methadone Treatment in Narcotic Addiction". Robert is survived by a large, far-flung yet close, international family of which he was the central connecting hub, his children, Hana and Seiji, and granddaughters Miko, Emi, and Noa, whom he loved dearly. He is also survived by the love of his life, his wife Seiko, whom he met while stationed as a U.S. Air Force medical officer in Fukuoka, Japan, in 1967, and brothers Tom (wife Maro), Steve (wife Annie) and their children (Jehan Hanna, Jon ("Hank"), Suzanne, Tony and Vivi Larkin) and grandchildren, and his cousins Charles Opels, Elizabeth ("Dizzy") Howard OBE, John Feld, and Marion Iacopucci. Robert and Seiko celebrated the 52nd anniversary of their first date this past June and would have celebrated 50 years of marriage this year on his birthday, October 26, 1937. Robert was born in The Hague, to which his parents had fled in April 1933 upon Hitler's ascension to power. October 26 was an auspicious day in his life; it was the day he arrived in America, in 1939, from Holland, narrowly escaping the Holocaust that caught his grandparents. His father, Randolph H. Newman, was one of the prosecutors of I.G. Farben on Brig. Gen. Telford Taylor's staff at the Nuremberg trials. He received his MD degree with honors at University of Rochester Medical School and a Master of Public Health at the University of California, Berkley. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to two organizations that meant a great deal to him and on whose boards he had the privilege of serving for many years -- the Drug Policy Alliance and the National Advocates for Pregnant Women. He is irreplaceable and will be missed greatly by all members of his loving extended family, the many people he worked with over the decades and those countless others that he cared for and helped. (Published in The New York Times on Aug. 3, 2018)

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NEWMAN--Robert.

Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) mourns the passing of our dear friend and colleague Bob Newman, MD, former Chair of the GNYHA Board of Governors and former President and CEO of Beth Israel Medical Center and Continuum Health Partners. A true giant among hospital executives, Dr. Newman's decades of service were marked by his leadership, intelligence, enormous compassion, quick wit, and a smile that lit up a room. He cared deeply about New York's hospital community and the health of his fellow New Yorkers. Bob helped establish New York City's methadone program in the early 1970s, and he will be

remembered for his passionate worldwide efforts to advance drug treatment and policy. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife Seiko, son Seiji, daughter Hana, and his many friends and colleagues. Kenneth E. Raske, President Lee H. Perlman, Executive Vice President GNYHA

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NEWMAN--Robert.

The board, staff and members of the Drug Policy Alliance note with great sorrow the passing of Dr. Robert Newman. A long-time champion of positive drug policy, Dr. Newman was not only a passionate advocate for methadone maintenance but one of its pioneers, continuously challenging the stigma associated with this treatment method. His legacy of leadership as a charter member of the DPA board and as director of the Baron Edmond de Rothschild Chemical Dependency Institute at Beth Israel Medical Center is enduring, and his important work in our movement will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his entire family. Ira Glasser, Board Chair, and Maria McFarland Sanchez-Moreno, Executive Director

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NEWMAN--Robert.

MD, MPH. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our colleague and friend Dr. Robert Newman. As President and Chief Executive Officer of Beth Israel Medical Center from 1978 to 1997, Dr. Newman worked to expand access to addiction and psychiatric services, HIV and AIDS treatment, and care for the LGBT community. He also oversaw the creation of the Jacob Perlow Hospice, the first Jewish hospice in Manhattan. As President of Continuum Health Partners from 1997 to 2000, Dr. Newman led the integration and merger of the hospitals now known as Mount Sinai Beth Israel, Mount Sinai St. Luke's, Mount Sinai West, and the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai. He was an internationally recognized expert on addiction treatment. Before joining Beth Israel, Dr. Newman served as Assistant Commissioner of Addiction for the New York City Department of Health, where he was the guiding force in creating and expanding what would become the largest network of methadone maintenance treatment programs in the country. Many of the programs are still in operation through Mount Sinai Beth Israel. Dr. Newman's remarkable career was grounded in his commitment to public health and never-ending advocacy for underserved populations, which made a tremendous impact on the communities served by the Mount Sinai Health System. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife, Seiko Newman, son, Seiji Newman, and daughter, Hana Newman, as well as his extended family, friends, and loved ones. Peter W. May, Chairman, Mount Sinai Health System Boards of Trustees Kenneth L. Davis, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mount Sinai Health System Dennis S. Charney, MD, Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Dean, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and President for Academic Affairs, Mount Sinai Health System Jeremy Boal, MD, Executive Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer, Mount Sinai Health System, and President, Mount Sinai Downtown

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NEWMAN--Robert.

National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW) mourns the passing of Dr. Robert "Bob" Newman, long- standing board member, humanitarian, and fierce champion of the rights and dignity of people who use or are dependent on drugs. With love, gratitude for his career of dedicated and generous advocacy, and condolences to his family and all who had the honor of working with him. May his memory be a blessing. Lynn Paltrow, NAPW Executive Director, and the Board of Directors: Nancy Aries, Khiara Bridges, Sarah Burns, Cali Cole, Jeanne Flavin, Carl Hart, Hytham Imseis, Carol Mason, and Jennifer Morgan

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NEWMAN--Robert.

The entire Mount Sinai Beth Israel family acknowledges with great sadness the passing of our dear friend, dedicated physician, and President and CEO of Beth Israel Medical Center from 1978 to 1997. Dr. Newman led the development of Continuum Health Partners and served as its President from 1997 to 2000. Bob was a pioneer in the treatment of addiction. In 1970 he was appointed Assistant Commissioner for Addiction Programs for the New York City Department of Health. He also worked to expand access to psychiatric services and treatment for HIV disease. Dr. Newman was an internationally recognized physician and in 2014 received an honor from the Government of Japan. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife, Seiko Newman, son, Seiji Newman, and daughter, Hana Newman, as well as his extended family, friends, and colleagues around the world. The Medical Board of Mount Sinai Beth Israel, Dr. Dahlia Rizk, President

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