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Downtown hospital chief takes cheap shot at Carney

Dear Editor,

It was good to read your reassuring and insightful report on Carney’s future (Carney’s Woes Overstated, 11/1/07). But I was disappointed when I found out that a CEO of a much richer hospital has been using Carney’s troubles as a punch line on his personal blog.

Beth Israel-Deaconess CEO Paul Levy wants to prevent his workers from having a fair union election, so he snidely suggested the healthcare workers union should take over Carney to prove its effectiveness.

Mr. Levy should ask Dorchester residents if they think Carney’s fate is a joking matter, before he uses it in a one-liner to settle a score with his own workers.

What does Paul Levy have against Dorchester?

Just four years ago, he oversaw the closing of the Dorchester health clinic “The Little House.” Many Dorchester residents depended on The Little House the same way we depend on the Carney now.

The Little House would have required just \$300,000 to break even, but Levy helped shut its doors. Mr. Levy could have found a solution with community groups and elected officials, but he wasn’t interested in what Dorchester had to say.

Around the same time he abandoned Little House, Mr. Levy signed a lucrative endorsement deal for the Beth Israel with the Boston Red Sox.

Maybe Mr. Levy should get off his blog and spend some time with Dorchester residents and his own workers before putting salt in our wounds.

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