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**Stephanie A. Brown Appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Casa Myrna**



Boston, MA - The Board of Directors of Casa Myrna, Greater Boston's leading nonprofit delivering solutions to end domestic and dating violence, today announced that Stephanie A. Brown has been appointed to serve as the agency's Chief Executive Officer. Ms. Brown brings over fifteen years of dedication to social service and public policy development, strategy and advocacy to her role as CEO, most recently as Assistant Commissioner for Policy, Program and External Relations of the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA).

Casa Myrna Board President Megan Gates commented, "The Board is thrilled to announce that Stephanie is joining us and we look forward to working with her. Stephanie's commitment to ending domestic and dating violence is long-standing, and her enthusiasm for the role is boundless. She brings an impressive track record of advancing organizations' goals to their full potential, as well as a stellar record of public service within one of the agencies that is key to the areas in which Casa Myrna operates." Ms. Gates continued, "The Board also wishes to extend our deepest thanks to Deborah Collins-Gousby for leading the organization so skillfully during the search for our CEO, and we are very pleased that she will continue to lead all of our programming and outreach efforts."

Ms. Brown has extensive experience in the leadership and management of a variety of nonprofit and governmental entities. Before her tenure at DTA, she served as Executive Director of Homes for Families, Inc., a nonprofit organization advocating for public policies to end family homelessness by addressing its root causes. She began her career at DTA as the Director of the Housing and Homeless Services Unit, and was promoted to Assistant Commissioner in 2009. Earlier in her career, she worked at the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services as the Administrator for Domestic and Sexual Violence Intervention/Prevention Policy, and at Jane Doe, Inc. as a Policy Analyst.

Ms. Brown also serves as President-Elect of the Board of the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, and serves on the Governor's Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness and the Governor's Council on Sexual and Domestic Abuse. Her history of involvement with Casa Myrna extends back to 1994, when she first became a volunteer with the organization.

Ms. Brown commented, "Since its founding nearly forty years ago, Casa Myrna has been known for its innovative, effective, and comprehensive response to domestic and dating violence. I am honored to have been chosen to lead the organization into its next phase of development, and look forward to working with the staff, Board and our stakeholders."

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