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CASA MYRNA VAZQUEZ APPOINTS NEW MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Casa Myrna Vazquez, Boston's leading non-profit working to end domestic violence in the lives of women and children, has appointed Dr. Annie Lewis-O'Connor, Megan Gates, José Rosado and Ileana Jimenez Garcia to its Board of Directors.

Annie Lewis-O'Connor NP, PhD is a Pediatric and Ob-Gyn Nurse Practitioner and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner whose career has been devoted to maternal and child health, specifically working with women and children who have been victims of intentional violence. She is currently at Brigham and Women's Hospital, where she is the Program Director of Nursing Practice in the Center for Women and Newborns. Dr. Lewis-O'Connor has started a clinic that will provide follow-up care to young women who were victims of domestic and sexual assaults. Dr. Lewis-O'Connor received her MSN (Nursing) from Simmons College, her MPH (Maternal Child Health Leadership) from Boston University School of Public Health and her PhD from Boston College.

Megan Gates is a Partner at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., where she is Co-Chair of the Firm's Securities Practice Group. In that capacity, she represents life sciences and technology companies in financing transactions, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance issues, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and compliance with SEC reporting obligations. She is also a frequent speaker on Federal securities compliance and financing topics. Ms. Gates is also a member of the Board of Directors at HopeFound. She received her BA from Wellesley College and her JD from Boston College Law School.

José Rosado is Director of Programs at the Liberty Mutual Foundation, where he manages the Foundation's \$7.5 million Community Investment Portfolio, from the review of grant applications to the formulation of funding recommendations and grantee follow-up. He was previously Special Assistant to the Director for Administration at the Boston Redevelopment Authority, prior to which he served as a Program Specialist and Program Coordinator at the City of Boston's Office of Jobs and Community Services. Mr. Rosado attended Haverford College.

Ileana Jimenez Garcia is Director of Interpreter Services at Brigham and Women's Hospital. In that capacity, she oversees a multicultural workforce of 130 employees providing spoken and sign language interpreter services to the hospital's non-English speaking patients. She has developed policies to ensure access, quality care and effective communication for all patients, and has over 20 years of experience in training and professional development, strategic planning, managing operations, and community based partnerships. Ms. Jimenez Garcia is recognized for her leadership of multi-cultural teams and bilingual public speaking, training and presenting skills. She has lectured widely on topics pertaining to health and human services, and has a BS from Boston College and an MBA from Northeastern University.

Casa Myrna Vazquez is Boston's leading non-profit working to end domestic violence in the lives of women and children. Founded in 1977, the agency operates three residential programs in the city of

Boston for women and children made homeless by domestic violence, the state's most comprehensive range of fully bilingual supportive services, and the only statewide domestic violence hotline in Massachusetts (SafeLink, 877-785-2020). Casa Myrna's range of programs includes legal advocacy services, individual counseling and support groups, children's services, housing search assistance and advocacy, financial literacy education, teen dating violence education, public awareness campaigns and education to key stakeholders on the issue of domestic violence.

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