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### **13 Boston Home Employees Receive Career Training Through State-Funded Program**

Dorchester, Mass.—Thirteen employees of the Boston Home—a long-term-care facility in Dorchester, Mass., for adults with physical disabilities—recently completed a three-month, college-credit course. The course, Interpersonal Communication, is part of the Boston Home’s career ladder program, which will allow more than 100 Boston Home employees to receive training to advance toward becoming certified nursing assistants (CNAs). The program is funded by a \$98,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

The training grant creates a career ladder enabling non-nursing staff (such as housekeepers and dietary aides) to become entry-level CNAs, current CNAs to advance within their profession, and experienced CNAs to advance to related professions—and earn higher wages along the way. CNAs work under the direction of staff nurses and provide residents with personal care like feeding, bathing, dressing, and grooming.

The Boston Home has selected several local partners—Quincy College, Easter Seals Massachusetts, The Wellness Corporation, and Worksource Staffing Partnership—to help provide training in clinical skills, communication, team leadership, career

development, and assistive technology. Trainees receive college credit for certain Quincy College Courses.

Located on Dorchester Avenue, The Boston Home is an 84-bed, not-for-profit facility—the only one of its kind in New England. Most of its residents have multiple sclerosis and related neurological diseases and are 30 to 60 years old.

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**Program.** Left to right: Rosette Hilaire, Dorchester; Julie Helebert, Dorchester; Lauren Maloney, Dorchester; Kamla Singh, Dorchester; Olivia Bute, Dorchester; Maria Gomes, Dorchester; Glennie Perch, Quincy; Jeanne Goldman, Dorchester; Anne Best, South Weymouth; Dr. Dorothy Brisseuden (Instructor); Marva Serotkin (Director of The Boston Home); Tahera Paul, Dorchester.