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**MARVA SEROTKIN ELECTED PRESIDENT  
OF BOARD OF CODMAN SQUARE HEALTH CENTER**

Dorchester, MA —Marva Serotkin was recently elected President of the Board of Codman Square Health Center (CSHC) in Dorchester, Mass. Serotkin, President and CEO of The Boston Home (TBH) in Dorchester—a specialized residential facility for adults with physical disabilities, primarily Multiple Sclerosis and other progressive neurological diseases—replaces Ego Ezeedi, who has stepped down as CSHC’s Board President.

According to Bill Walczak, CEO of CSHC, Serotkin assumes her responsibilities at a pivotal time for health care in the community, especially in light of the Massachusetts Health Care Reform legislation, which will affect how health care is delivered in low-income areas. With this in mind, Serotkin will help create the health center’s new strategic plan, which will address how to protect vulnerable and high-risk patients.

"Marva has been a leader in community health care for as long as she has been in Massachusetts," said Walczak. "Her analytical skills and broad view of the health care world have been very important in helping to determine the best ways to provide care for the underserved and underinsured residents of low-income communities such as Dorchester."

Speaking at the recent CSHC annual meeting, Serotkin said, "We have many opportunities to significantly enhance the health and well-being of the Dorchester community. Our partnerships with Dotwell and the Codman Academy will extend the

services provided by CSHC's outstanding staff and help us reach new populations.”

Serotkin, who joined TBH in 1997, has led TBH in gaining a national and international reputation for the outstanding care it provides to its residents. TBH has been cited by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for setting the standard for care of people with Multiple Sclerosis and related neurological diseases.

Most recently, Serotkin served as the Chairman of the Massachusetts Extended Care Federation. She is also a past President of the Massachusetts Public Health Association and a member of the American Health Care Association. Prior to TBH, Serotkin was the CEO of the Shattuck Hospital in Boston and President of Cura Visiting Nurse Association in Plymouth. She has served as a member of the executive management teams at Carney Hospital, Children's Hospital in Boston, and the Boston Department of Health and Hospitals.

Serotkin, a resident of Newton, Mass., received a Master of Public Health from Yale University and an A.B. in Biology/Liberal Arts from Boston University.

*Founded in 1881, The Boston Home is a 96-bed, not-for-profit, specialized residential care facility that serves adults with Multiple Sclerosis and other progressive neurological diseases. Now celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and offering an outpatient rehabilitation program and The Boston Home Institute, TBH is only facility of its kind in New England and one of a few in the United States. It has earned a national reputation for providing progressive, long-term care. For more information, visit [www.thebostonhome.org](http://www.thebostonhome.org).*

*The Codman Square Health Center, founded in the 1970s by a group of neighborhood activists, serves as a resource for improving the physical, mental, and*

*social well being of the community. CSHC's serves the community with social, mental, dental, education, youth, and community services in addition to medical care. Its initiatives address the social, emotional, and education needs of adults and youth while celebrating the cultural and ethnic diversity of the community and the potential of every individual. For more information, visit [www.codman.org](http://www.codman.org).*

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