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New England Village Announces Stephanie Costa as CEO

(Pembroke, MA) –New England Village’s **(NEV) Board of Directors** selected Stephanie Costa, MPH **as NEV’s new** Chief Executive Officer effective immediately. Costa succeeds Michael A. Rodrigues, who stepped down from the CEO position in August due to family circumstances.

Stephanie joined New England Village in January 2019 as its first Chief Operating Officer. At that time she had 18 years of combined leadership experience in both public health and human services. Previous positions included Senior Project Director of Community Partner Implementation at MassHealth and Vice President of Administration & Finance at Newport Mental Health in Rhode Island. Stephanie holds a Master of Public Health from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

“Over the last 32 months and especially during the pandemic, Stephanie has demonstrated outstanding leadership and advocacy skills, both for the men and women New England Village serves and the staff that supports them. She has worked tirelessly to organize vaccine and COVID testing clinics; implement quarantine, visitation, and contact tracing protocols; and reallocate staff and resources to ensure continuity of service and supports. To date, zero NEV residents have become seriously ill with COVID-19. Additionally, 97% of NEV community participants and 100% of NEV residents are fully vaccinated. We are very fortunate to have such a competent, committed, and respected professional to lead NEV through all of the opportunities and **challenges that the future holds,”** said **Sabrina Nicholson, Chair of NEV’s Board of Directors.**

Stephanie grew up in the Freetown area and currently lives in Pembroke, MA with her husband, Justin. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family, various fitness activities, and exploring the many hiking areas throughout Pembroke with her dog, Oliver.

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About New England Village

New England Village began its proud tradition of service to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in 1972, when the organization was founded by parents who wanted to create an enlightened new model of community living for their sons and daughters. Today, with multiple locations, modern facilities and a specialized team of highly skilled and dedicated human service professionals, New England Village serves more than 180 men and women, through a variety of innovative programs and customized supports. NEV embraces the philosophy that individual choice and self-determination should direct all of its services, and it is committed to empowering people to reach their full potential and pursue a life that is personally meaningful to them.

For more information on NEV, visit their website at www.newenglandvillage.org.

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