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New leader takes helm at Dudley Street’s Project HOPE



Linda Wood-Boyle

Project Hope on Dudley Street has a new leader. **Linda Wood-Boyle** has taken on the role of executive director. She succeeds longtime director **Sr. Margaret Leonard**, who will stay active in the organization as a senior advisor. Wood-Boyle joins Project

Hope after more than 15 years as the President and Executive Director of HomeStart, a Boston-based nonprofit committed to preventing and ending homelessness in the City.

“As a nonprofit leader in Boston and a resident of Dorchester, I’ve long

been aware of Project Hope and the impact the agency has on women and families in the Dudley Street neighborhood,” Wood-Boyle said in a statement issued last week. “It will be an honor to succeed Sr. Margaret, a colleague and dear friend who I

admire greatly, and to work with Project Hope’s exceptional staff and committed Board. “I’m very pleased to have Sr. Margaret’s counsel and guidance through this transition and in the future.”

Project HOPE moves families up and out of

poverty.

Wood-Boyle serves on the Leadership Council for the City of Boston and is an officer of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance. Prior to HomeStart, she served as the Executive Director of the Somerville Homeless Coalition.