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## *Project Hope Executive Biographies*

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### *Linda Wood-Boyle, Executive Director*



Linda Wood-Boyle joined Project Hope as its Executive Director in July 2015. Before joining Project Hope, she served as President and CEO of HomeStart in Boston for fifteen years. In that capacity, she oversaw multiple programs, more than 70 staff and administered a \$9 million budget. During Linda's tenure the agency more than quadrupled its capacity to serve homeless and at-risk-of homelessness individuals and families. Under her leadership, HomeStart successfully placed more than 500 families and individuals into permanent housing each year, with more than a 90% retention rate, prevented homelessness for more than 500 households each year, and started the first scattered-site Housing First Program in Boston. Prior to HomeStart, Linda served as the Executive Director of the Somerville Homeless Coalition.

An ordained United Methodist minister, Linda has more than 30 years of experience in non-profit administration and development. She is recognized as a strong leader in the field with a deep commitment to ending homelessness. An accomplished public speaker, Linda presented HomeStart's model nationally. She serves on the Leadership Council for the City of Boston and is an officer of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance. Linda also provides pro bono consulting services to several small not-for profits in the area of capacity building.

### *Sr. Margaret A. Leonard, LSA, Founder and Strategic Advisor*



Since her appointment in 1985, Project Hope has grown from being an Emergency Shelter serving 8 homeless families, to a multi-service center with an array of educational and economic empowerment programs serving families in the North Dorchester/Roxbury neighborhoods. In addition to fostering internal growth, Sister Margaret has been a catalyst in forging strategic alliances, partnerships and collaborations at local, city and state levels that create a continuum of care and support for low income families in the movement from crisis to stability. Sister Margaret has long served on the Boards of the Pine Street Inn, Homes for Families, and the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative. In 2008 she received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from her alma mater, Assumption College, for her lifelong commitment to improving society. In 2009 she received honorary degrees from University of Massachusetts and Tufts University. She was also selected to be a Barr Fellow in 2009.

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***Elizabeth Zarrella Maglio, MSW, Director of Sustainability & Outcomes***



Elizabeth Zarrella Maglio joined Project Hope in July 2005. In her role of Director of Sustainability & Outcomes, she is responsible for overseeing Development, External Affairs and Research & Evaluation operations across the agency. She brings to the position significant skills in strategic planning, marketing, relationship cultivation, fundraising and community outreach, along with knowledge about the issues of homelessness, child welfare, poverty and workforce development. Elizabeth has over 25 years experience in the public policy and non-profit arena and an extensive background in management and leadership development. Prior to joining Project Hope, Elizabeth served as the Director of Advocacy and Public Policy and a registered lobbyist at The Home for Little Wanderers. Before that, on behalf of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union she filed landmark legislation calling for creation of a statewide standard of economic self-sufficiency.

Elizabeth has also worked in the public arena working for both the New York City Commission on Human Rights Bias Prevention and Response Team and New York City's Department of Housing Preservation and Development. Elizabeth has an undergraduate degree from Boston University in political science and a Master of Social Work degree in policy and administration from Catholic University. She is certified in conflict resolution from the New York Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution. She is also a certified administrator of Efforts to Outcomes (ETO) software, a non-profit tool designed to measure and demonstrate impact to funders and other key stakeholders. In addition to her role with Project Hope, Elizabeth is an adjunct faculty member at Wheelock College Graduate School of Social Work and Urban College of Boston.

***Carol Ann McAuliffe, Chief Financial Officer***



Carol Ann McAuliffe joined Project Hope's Board of Directors in 2003. For the past eight years, she served as the Treasurer of the Board. In November 2011 she joined Project Hope's staff as the Director of Finance. Prior to joining Project Hope's staff, Carol Ann worked for 20 years at Fidelity Investments. She most recently held the position of Vice President in the operations area at Fidelity. She is highly skilled in the areas of accounting, operations management, project management, new product implementation and business planning. Carol Ann has an undergraduate degree from Boston College and an MBA from Boston University.