



Old Colony Elderly Services Announces New Appointments at Executive Office of Elder Affairs

DATELINE: BOSTON AND BROCKTON, MA - Old Colony Elderly Services (OCES) of Brockton, which is funded in part by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA), announces two important appointments made recently by

Governor Patrick.

Michael E. Festa has been appointed as Secretary and Sandra K. Albright as Undersecretary at the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

EOEA oversees all federal and state funded programs for elders in the state of Massachusetts. OCES is one of 27 home care agencies who contract with EOEA to provide services to elders in Plymouth County and the communities of Avon, Easton and Stoughton.

“We’re very pleased and reassured that with the strong leadership of Mr. Festa and Ms. Albright, we can work together to provide comprehensive, high quality services for elders,” said Diana L. DiGiorgi, Executive Director of OCES.

Mr. Festa has represented the 32nd Middlesex district in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for the past eight years. He has been acting Vice-Chair on the Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight since 2005.

Ms. Albright has been a senior member of the executive team at the Kit Clark Senior Services Center in Dorchester (formerly Federated Dorchester Neighborhood Houses Inc.) for the past 18 years. She has most recently served as Chief Executive Officer of the community-based, multi-service agency. Additionally, she is on the boards of the Eastern Massachusetts Alzheimer's Association and The Boston Partnership of Older Adults.

About Old Colony Elderly Services

Incorporated in 1974, Old Colony Elderly Services (OCES) is one of 27 private, non-profit Aging Services Access Points (ASAPs) in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The organization’s mission is to provide services which will support the dignity and independence of elders by helping them maximize their quality of life; live safely and in good health; and, prevent unnecessary or premature institutionalization.

OCES serves elders and their families, as well as caregivers, in the towns of Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, Carver, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Easton, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Lakeville, Marshfield, Middleboro, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rockland, Stoughton, Wareham, West Bridgewater and Whitman.

The agency has 110 employees and operates more than 12 programs serving elders, their

families and caregivers. For more information call (508) 584-1561 or visit the website at www.oc-elderly.org.