Bay Cove Human Services Opens The Mirasol Center for Healing

New round-the-clock treatment program will serve adult women with substance use disorder

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JAMAICA PLAIN – Bay Cove Human Services, a Massachusetts-based non-profit and a leading provider of substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services since 1974, is proud to announce the opening of The Mirasol Center for Healing.

The Mirasol Center for Healing is an innovative, trauma-responsive program for adults who identify as female, run by Bay Cove Human Services, Inc. and located at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital in Jamaica Plain. Designed to meet the most pressing needs identified by women surveyed at and near the area of Boston known as “Mass and Cass,” the program’s vision is to provide a safe and welcoming environment where women can engage in SUD acute and stabilization services and be connected to continuing community-based services that will support each woman’s healing and recovery journey.

Core services will be provided through a multidisciplinary team—including nursing, medical/psychiatry, clinical therapy, case management, and peer recovery navigation—in collaboration between Bay Cove and partners including the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the City of Boston, and The Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program, to provide ongoing outreach, support, and transportation to the Mirasol Center.

Lydie Ultimo-Prophil, Bay Cove’s Vice President of Addiction Services, said of the new treatment program, “We are very excited to be opening The Mirasol Center For Healing, which is the result of people coming together in partnership to address the immediate, critical needs of our vulnerable neighbors—particularly the people in the Mass and Cass area—who are living with substance use disorder and experiencing related challenges like homelessness. We are committed to continuing to build on these partnerships and quickly expand the resources available to support all of the people on the streets who are in need of comprehensive services.”

“We are grateful to Bay Cove for their continued partnership in addressing the humanitarian crisis in the Mass/Cass neighborhood,” said Deirdre Calvert, Director of the
Bureau of Substance Addiction Services at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. “We need programs like this to address the unique needs of women suffering from addiction, trauma, and homelessness—women who remain incredibly vulnerable on the street and are subject to increased risk of physical and sexual assault, human trafficking, and commercial sexual exploitation. The Mirasol Center for Healing will be an integral component of care and support for this population, and will provide the safe, trauma-informed programming they need to achieve and maintain their recovery from addiction.”

For more information on The Mirasol Center for Healing, call 617-318-5118 or visit www.baycovehumanservices.org/mirasol-center.

*Bay Cove Human Services is a non-profit agency committed to improving the lives of individuals and their families who face the challenges of substance use disorder (SUD), mental illness, homelessness, and/or developmental disabilities. The dedicated board and staff accomplish this mission by providing effective and compassionate services and through advocacy and leadership. Bay Cove serves more than 25,000 people each year at 170 program locations throughout Boston and Southeastern Massachusetts. For more information, please visit www.baycovehumanservices.org.*