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## **HEALTH QUARTERS APPOINTS BRANTLEY TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Beverly --Health Quarters, a Beverly-based non-profit provider of reproductive health care and youth development programming for low-income and underinsured women, men, and teens in 60 communities in northeastern Massachusetts, has appointed Linda Brantley of Amesbury to the agency's board of directors. Brantley will serve as Vice-President and will chair the board Communications and Public Affairs Committee.

Brantley is principal of Positive Perceptions Consulting, which provides a broad range of communications and relationship management services. She is the former Executive Director of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women; in that role, she worked for nearly six years with the state legislature, the Women's Legislative Caucus, and women's organizations across the Commonwealth to address issues of importance to women and to advocate for positive change.

"I came to know Health Quarters through working with its excellent executive director, Lianne Cook, when she was an MCSW Commissioner," says Brantley. "I was impressed by her passion and dedication to the organization's mission and expertise in keeping the organization thriving through difficult fiscal times. I look forward to being an ambassador and working to advance Health Quarters' visibility and utilization in the Merrimack Valley, where I reside."

Brantley was recognized as one of the "60 Most Influential Women of the Merrimack Valley," Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce, 2006 and "Woman of the Year" by the Greater Haverhill YWCA, 2002.

Established in 1971, Health Quarters serves Northeastern Massachusetts as a federally-funded provider of gynecological exams; youth development and education; and prevention services such as birth control and emergency contraception, cervical and breast cancer screening, STD testing and treatment, and rapid HIV and pregnancy testing and counseling.