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The Health Department Announces Dayna M. Brown as Director of Aging and CARE Services

BALTIMORE, MD (April 12, 2011) – Baltimore City Health Commissioner Dr. Oxiris Barbot is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Dayna M. Brown as Director of Aging and CARE Services.

Ms. Brown served as the Director of Community Programs and Housing for Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley in Lawrence, MA since 2002. In that role, she managed all activities of the Area Agency on Aging for the 23 cities and towns that comprise the Merrimack Valley, including community needs assessment, Area Plan development and coordination of new and existing community based programs and services for elders. Ms. Brown served as the Project Manager for the successful building of a 37-unit HUD elder housing project, effectively managing all activities from HUD grant application through to construction and occupancy.

Ms. Brown graduated from Oberlin College with a Bachelor's degree in Government and holds a Master of Social Work degree in Gerontology Administration from Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. She has more than 20 years of experience in the field of aging; most recently serving the seniors of Massachusetts.

“We look forward to the breadth and depth of experience Ms. Brown brings to this position, as she works to plan, coordinate and direct senior health and social service programs for the seniors of Baltimore City,” said Dr. Barbot.

CARE Services (formerly Commission on Aging and Retirement Education - CARE) is the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for Baltimore City. The AAA is responsible for providing recreational, socialization, nutrition, education and advocacy services which allow seniors to age with dignity in their homes and communities. CARE Services was recently integrated into BCHD's existing senior program to create a more comprehensive model of service delivery for older adults.

“I am very excited to be joining the Baltimore City Health Department and taking on this exciting and challenging role as the Director of Aging and CARE Services,” said Brown. “I look forward to working with and serving Baltimore City's seniors.”

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