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## **Barnstable County's Barbara Dominic is Named Commonwealth Heroine by Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women**

**April 15, 2022 (Barnstable, MA) –** Barnstable County is pleased to announce that Barbara Dominic, Human Services Consultant to the Children's Behavioral Health Working Group, was selected as a 2022 Commonwealth Heroine by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women.

The Commonwealth Heroine Award honors extraordinary women from across the Commonwealth who perform unheralded acts daily to make our homes, neighborhoods, cities, and towns better places to live.

Dominic, a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, retired from the Nauset Public Schools after a 16-year career, joined the Department in 2020 to assist in the County's planning and development of a comprehensive baseline needs assessment of Children's Behavioral Health.

Human Services Director Joseph Pacheco said, "Barbara's knowledge and skills have been an invaluable resource as the County works with our partners to identify the needs of the region and toward ensuring our children have access to essential behavioral health resources."

Dominic was nominated for this recognition by State Senator Julian Cyr (D-Truro). Senator Cyr said, "Barbara's expansive background as a Clinical Social Worker and dedication to improving access to quality behavioral health services has been essential to the success of the Barnstable County Children's Behavioral Health Work Group. Through her consistent, thorough, and

thoughtful efforts to connect resources, facilitate conversation, and advocate for children and families, Barbara has demonstrated exemplary leadership in her efforts to advance this critical work on the Cape and Islands."

Dominic's award is the second year in a row that a member of the County received the Commonwealth Heroine recognition. In 2021, Vaira Harik, Barnstable County's Assistant Administrator was recognized for her work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women will be celebrating the Commonwealth Heroines Class of 2022 on June 22, 2022. Additional details on the program and whether the ceremony will be virtual, or in-person are expected in mid-May.

**ABOUT THE MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN** The MCSW is an independent state agency that was legislatively created in 1998 to advance women of the Commonwealth to full equality in all areas of life and to promote their rights and opportunities. The Commission provides a voice for Massachusetts women and is comprised of 19 members who are appointed by the Governor, Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Caucus of Women Legislators.

### **ABOUT THE BARNSTABLE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

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