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Rosie’s Place Executive Director Sue Marsh Reappointed to Access to Justice Commission of Supreme Judicial Court

BOSTON—Rosie’s Place Executive Director Sue Marsh has been appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court to the third Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission. Marsh, who has led the Boston-based sanctuary for poor and homeless women for 17 years, has been a member since the inception of the first Access to Justice Commission 10 years ago.

The goal of the Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission is to achieve equal justice for all persons in the Commonwealth by providing leadership to, and coordination with, the many organizations involved in and improving access to justice for those unable to afford an attorney.

“Rosie’s Place has a strong commitment to ensuring poor women have access to justice,” said Marsh. “I am quite pleased that I can support this aim through my participation in the Commission.”

Prior to her position at Rosie’s Place, Marsh was the executive director of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless for 11 years. She has done policy-changing work in the areas of food stamps, housing and welfare assistance. At Rosie’s Place, she has overseen the establishment of its adult education, community outreach and public policy work. She received her bachelor’s degree from Bowdoin College, and was enrolled in the doctoral program in Political Science at Boston University. She was named Public Citizen of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers, an Outstanding Advocate by the Massachusetts Human Services Committee, and was awarded the Common Good medal by Bowdoin College.

For more information about the SJC Access to Justice Commission, go to: www.mass.gov/courts/news-pubs/sjc

More than four decades after its founding, Rosie’s Place not only provides meals and shelter but also creates answers for 12,000 women a year through wide-ranging support, housing and
education services. Rosie’s Place relies solely on the generous support of individuals, foundations and corporations and does not accept any city, state or federal funding.