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**Secretary Chen of EOEA Visits Mystic Valley Elder Services'
Supportive Living Programs**

(Malden, MA)— Secretary Elizabeth Chen, Ph.D., MBA, MPH of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA), and other staff members of EOEA recently visited Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) to introduce themselves to the model of supportive living/supportive housing programs that MVES operates in Malden and Stoneham and as well as other state-funded supportive housing programs. Secretary Chen met with housing authority staff, Council on Aging and MVES staff members as well as residents of the housing program.

The Supportive Living Program is a partnership between MVES and the public housing authorities and other housing management providers in seven communities including Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Melrose, Revere, Stoneham and Wakefield. The goal of the Supportive Living Program is to provide all residents living in the 23 apartment complexes served by MVES with on-site services that support their independence, safety, enjoyment, and wellbeing. MVES has a coordinator who works at each site to make sure that information and advice is readily available, services fit the needs and desires of the residents in need of in home assistance along with offering a range of social activities and “healthy living” programs to enrich the quality of life for all residents.



Left to right: Lynn Vidler, Director of Home Care, Executive Office of Elder Affairs; Daniel O’Leary, Chief Executive Officer of Mystic Valley Elder Services; Secretary Elizabeth Chen, Ph.D., MBA, MPH, Executive Office of Elder Affairs; Emily Cooper, Chief Housing Officer, Executive Office of Elder Affairs and Prakrity Silwal-Karki, Delivery Systems Policy Analyst, MassHealth.



Left to right: Daniel O’Leary, Chief Executive Officer, Mystic Valley Elder Services; Emily Cooper, Chief Housing Officer, Executive Office of Elder Affairs; Secretary Elizabeth Chen, Ph.D., MBA, MPH, Executive Office of Elder Affairs; Sharon Wilkins, Executive Director,

Stoneham Housing Authority; Maureen Canova, Executive Director, Stoneham Council on Aging and Board Member, Mystic Valley Elder Services; Lynn Vidler, Director of Home Care, Executive Office of Elder Affairs; Ann Marie Troiani, Resident Service Coordinator, Mystic Valley Elder Services with residents of Finnegan Hall in Stoneham.



Back row, left to right: Stephen Finn, Executive Director, Malden Housing Authority; Daniel O'Leary, Chief Executive Officer, Mystic Valley Elder Services; Secretary Elizabeth Chen, Ph.D., MBA, MPH, Executive Office of Elder Affairs; Emily Cooper, Chief Housing Officer, Executive Office of Elder Affairs; Terri Fitzgerald, Resident Service Coordinator, Mystic Valley Elder Services; and Lynn Vidler, Director of Home Care, Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Front row: residents of an apartment complex in Malden.

About Mystic Valley Elder Services

Located in Malden, Mass., Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency that provides essential home- and community-based care and resources to elders, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers of any income level who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, nutrition programs, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit www.mves.org.