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**HEALTH AWARENESS SERVICES TRANSFERS PROGRAMS TO JRI HEALTH**  
*MetroWest and Central Mass. HIV Services to Remain in Place under JRI Health Brand*

**BOSTON** (March 22, 2010) – Health Awareness Services, a Marlborough-based provider of HIV/AIDS services to the MetroWest and Central Massachusetts regions, today announced that its Community Prevention and Education Services and Client Services programs have been transferred to JRI Health, a division of the Justice Resource Institute. JRI Health provides services to those affected by disparities in health care, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth, individuals with HIV and AIDS, communities of color and people with disabilities. JRI Health also does international community development work, including leadership development in African communities struggling with HIV/AIDS.

“At a time when public funding for services is reduced and private donations have decreased, the collaboration of these two agencies ensures not only the most efficient delivery of these services, but also the preservation of services,” said Douglas Brooks, Vice President of JRI Health Services. “This new structure gives JRI Health a broader service area and it gives the clients of Health Awareness Services consistency in the support and care that they receive.”

The transfer of services will ensure continuity of care for thousands of people who received an array of services from Health Awareness Services, including HIV/AIDS counseling and testing, HIV prevention and education, case management, and peer support. The programs will operate under the name Health Awareness Services at JRI Health. .

“For over two decades, Health Awareness has been providing services to people in need in the MetroWest area and Worcester County, including those with HIV and AIDS and those at risk of getting the disease,” said Michael Mazloff, Executive Director. “By transferring our programs to JRI Health, we

know that these services will be delivered by an agency that shares our mission, our commitment to collaborative efforts, and our dedication to client-centered services.”

*Since 1991, JRI Health has pursued social justice by providing underserved individuals and communities with opportunities to develop the tools and skills essential in creating strength, well-being and autonomy. It does this through compassionate support, constant innovation and community leadership.*

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