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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Mona Harrison, M.D., of Watertown, has been named an assistant dean and director of the Office of Minority Affairs at Boston University School of Medicine.

Harrison is an assistant professor of pediatrics at the School. In addition, she is the associate director of the Adolescent Center, a comprehensive ambulatory-care unit for teenagers that she was instrumental in establishing at Boston City Hospital. The Center provides general medical, prenatal, and gynecological care to young people on a walk-in and appointment basis.

In her new position, Harrison will coordinate medical school activities as they relate to members of minority groups, and will provide direction and guidance for minority medical students.

She received her bachelor's degree from Morgan State University in 1969 and her M.D. degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1973. She completed residencies in family practice and in pediatrics at the University of Maryland, Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston, and Boston City Hospital, as well as fellowship training in adolescent medicine at Boston's Children's Hospital.

Harrison developed and directed a summer program for minority students interested in medicine at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins schools of medicine from 1970 to 1973. Of those participating in the program, 98 percent entered and completed medical school.

She lives at the United States Army Research Center with her husband and son.

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