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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Wayland resident Alan M. Lazerson, M.D., an associate professor of psychiatry and director of the psychiatric teaching section in primary care training at Boston University School of Medicine, has been awarded a \$69,367 two-year grant by the U.S. Public Health Service to provide health professionals with training and experience in the psychiatric aspects of primary health-care delivery.

Lazerson's program is designed to make trainees aware of the biological, psychological and social factors involved in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of illness. The program also trains psychiatrists to teach in primary care settings where one doctor is responsible for total patient care, from prevention of illness to treatment.

The trainees, including residents specializing in primary care, conduct their regular patient visits and then discuss the visit with an accompanying psychiatrist. This is part of an overall effort to give internists, pediatricians and family practitioners psychological training so that they may provide comprehensive patient care.

Lazerson received his A.B. degree with distinction in psychology from the University of Rochester, Rochester, N.Y., and his M.D. degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, N.Y.

In addition to his teaching duties, Lazerson is director of psychiatry in the Primary Care Residency Training Program at Boston City Hospital and is a faculty member of the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, Inc.

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Lazerson is a member of the American Psychoanalytic Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Psychiatric Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society and the Association of American Medical Colleges. He is the author or coauthor of many articles published in scientific journals.

Lazerson and his wife, Shirley, reside with their two children, Anne and Fred, on Decatur Lane.

Boston University School of Medicine is the site of several major interdisciplinary research centers, including the Hubert H. Humphrey Cancer Research Center and the Cardiovascular Institute of Boston University. The School is an innovator in medical education, offering several alternative curricula leading to the M.D. degree.

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