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The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation Announces New Vice President of Programs



ST. PAUL, Minn. (October 26, 2010) – The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation is pleased to announce its selection of Roberta “Bobbi” Cordano as the new Vice President of Programs for the Wilder Foundation. Ms. Cordano will assume her responsibilities on November 8, 2010.

“Bobbi is an innovative and dynamic leader with a proven passion for and commitment to the social welfare of the most vulnerable people,” said MayKao Y. Hang, Wilder Foundation President. “She has dedicated much of her professional and personal service to addressing the challenges

facing vulnerable populations ranging from access to education and health care to poverty and the legal system. As Vice President of Programs for the Wilder Foundation, Cordano will lead the organization’s commitment to addressing community needs through innovative programs and services and guide strategic efforts to improve and expand the continuum of services for children, families, and the elderly. For example, leading efforts to address disparities in education and assisting in expanding the Wilder Foundation to serve more families in need of supportive housing services.

Cordano has a demonstrated ability to lead dynamic teams and develop successful programs. Prior to joining the Wilder Foundation, Cordano served as a senior leader for two of the region’s leading health care systems as the Interim President for Allina Center for Healthcare Innovation, President of Park Nicollet Institute and Vice President of Park Nicollet Health Services. Cordano also served as Assistant Dean of the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and Director of Disability Services for the University of Minnesota Office of Equity and Diversity. She served for ten years with the Office of the Attorney General as Special Assistant Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General. Cordano is also the founding member of two innovative bilingual charter schools in St. Paul that provide a culturally and linguistically accessible educational environment for students.

“Bobbi exemplifies the mission of the Wilder Foundation,” said Hang. “Her breadth of experience in health, education, and disability services and her devotion to the community will be an incredible asset to the organization as we continue to build on our mission to have the greatest impact on the east metro community.”

Cordano holds a Bachelor of the Arts degree in Sociology from Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin and graduated with a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison, Wisconsin. She was a Hubert H. Humphrey Institute Policy Forum Fellow, as well as recipient of the inaugural Hubert H. Humphrey Public Leadership Award and recipient of the Minnesota State Council on Disability Access Award.

Cordano and her family have lived in Saint Paul for the past 20 years.

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About the Wilder Foundation

For more than 100 years, the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation has combined direct service, research and community development to address the needs of the most vulnerable people in greater Saint Paul. For more information on the Wilder Foundation, visit www.wilder.org