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Longstanding program for women in recovery relocates to Jamaica Plain hospital

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A 23-year-old program that aims to help women recovering from addiction has relocated from Dorchester to a hospital in Jamaica Plain, officials said.

Women's Hope, one of 17 programs run by Boston-based nonprofit Victory Programs, moved to the 11th floor of the state-run Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, according to the organization.

The program provides intensive, short-term, specialized residential treatment for 20 women who have just come from detoxification programs and are in the first steps of recovery from substance abuse disorders.

The relocation provides the program will more space, enough to serve up to 40 percent more clients, and the move allows better access to medical appointments, urgent care and other clinical services at the hospital, the nonprofit said.

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“The timely move further unites our mutual mission to improve health and wellness.”

previously occupied by the Kirtly Dukakis Center, which closed last winter for financial reasons.

to the Shattuck community reinforces this long-standing commitment to providing a continuum of

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The program's new home was previously the Treatment Center for Women, which the nonprofit said.

“The addition of Women’s Hope to our mission, especially a long-standing

Victory Program inspired “The Women’s Chemical Dependency Program” housed at Mass. Osteopathic Hospital in Jamaica Plain in 1989 and renamed the program Women’s Hope, according to the nonprofit.

Many of the women the program treats are also living with HIV/AIDS, mental health disorders or other chronic conditions.

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