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Bridgewell elects Puffer, Francois to its board

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Bridgewell, a nonprofit social and human services organization serving northeastern Massachusetts, today announced that Jane Puffer and Karl-Henry Francois have been elected to its Board of Directors.

It marks the fifth three-year term on Bridgewell's board for Puffer and third for Francois. The board follows a three-years-on, one-year-off policy, and both are returning from a one-year hiatus.

"We are so pleased that both Jane and Karl-Henry are bringing their expertise back to Bridgewell's Board of Directors," said President and CEO Christopher Tuttle.

"They both were integral in helping us navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, and their experience will be invaluable as we continue to reestablish programs and position the agency for future growth."

Puffer, of Acton, is the president of Dreamaker Consulting Group, which provides marketing leadership to early-stage technology companies. A veteran marketing executive, she has worked with technology companies ranging from startups to Fortune 100 firms.



Karl-Henry Francois

She first joined the Bridgewell Board of Directors in 2007. Puffer earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Central Connecticut State University and a Master of Science degree in administration, innovation and technology from Boston University.

Francois, of Middleton, is a finance professional who has worked in commercial banking for 16 years. He is a senior vice president and relationship manager for Citizens Commercial Banking, where he focuses on growth-oriented companies and maintains a sizeable commercial loan portfolio across various industries.



Jane Puffer

He was first elected to the Bridgewell board in 2015. Francois earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology from Suffolk University and a Master of Business Administration Finance degree from Bentley University.

About Bridgewell

Bridgewell is a nonprofit social and human service organization dedicated to strengthening communities. Headquartered in Peabody, Mass., Bridgewell empowers people with disabilities and other life challenges to live safe, self-directed and productive lives. Bridgewell delivers support through community housing, day programs, outpatient treatment, recovery services, education, and employment training. Bridgewell's staff of more than 1,400 professionals serves approximately 7,000 people and their families. Bridgewell is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and fully licensed by the state.