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Walczak returns to his roots

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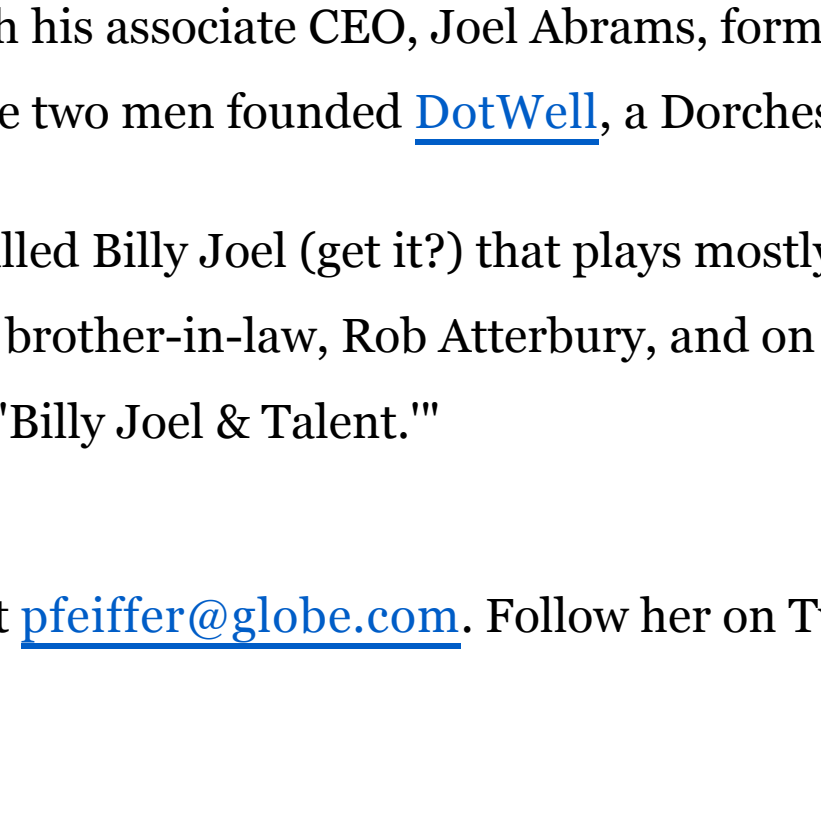
[Bill Walczak](#) can't get health care out of his blood.

Many Bostonians know Walczak mainly as a candidate in the city's crowded 2013 race for mayor. But most of his career was spent as CEO of Dorchester's nonprofit [Codman Square Health Center](#), which he cofounded in 1975. He left in 2012 to become president of Carney Hospital, but that gig soon ended due to what he calls a "philosophical disagreement" with Carney's owner, Steward Health Care System, over the hospital's future.

Now Walczak is back to his roots: he's the [South End Community Health Center](#)'s new CEO.

"It feels right," said Walczak, 61. "The health care system generally I feel very comfortable in."

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He's also quite comfortable with his associate CEO, Joel Abrams, former president of Dorchester House Multi-Service Center; the two men founded [DotWell](#), a Dorchester community organization.

They also have an Irish band called Billy Joel (get it?) that plays mostly at family parties. They're sometimes joined by Walczak's brother-in-law, Rob Atterbury, and on those occasions, Walczak joked, "we change our name to 'Billy Joel & Talent.'"

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