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May 12, 2015

Board of Legislators
Oneida County
800 Park Avenue
Utica, New York 13501

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Re: Appointment of Robin E. O'Brien

WAYS & MEANS

Honorable Members:

After a review of candidates applying for the position of Commissioner of Mental Health for Oneida County and after approval from the New York State Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, and pursuant to Article XII, Section 1201 of the Oneida County Charter, I hereby appoint Robin E. O'Brien to be the Commissioner of Mental Health for Oneida County.

Ms. O'Brien is a graduate of Hamilton College, earned a Master of Professional Studies in Health Services Administration from the New School University and a Master of Science in Psychology from Walden University.

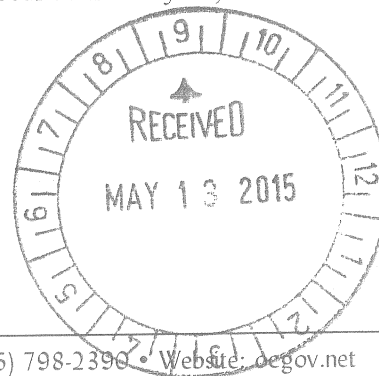
Ms. O'Brien has a diverse background in the Mental Health field which will serve the citizens of Oneida County. She worked on the deinstitutionalization of patients at the Utica Psychiatric Center, she has extensive experience with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, in particular with refugee and veteran populations, and has worked with both individuals and families with regard to substance addiction and abuse. Ms. O'Brien comes to us from U.S. Care Systems, a locally based home care agency which serves people with mental health care issues throughout 13 counties in New York State. She has been an active member mental health organization boards, and is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Ms. O'Brien has impressive experience and familiarity with the mental health issues facing our Department of Mental Health. The Oneida County Department of Mental Health and the people of Oneida County will all benefit from her unique and varied knowledge and her proven leadership qualities.

I ask the Board of Legislators confirm the appointment of Robin E. O'Brien to the position of Commissioner of Mental Health at a grade of 47H, said confirmation to occur at the May 13, 2015 meeting.

Very truly yours,

Anthony J. Picente, Jr.
Oneida County Executive



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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

A strong history of health care services, education and management programs.

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Psychology Walden University	2006
Master of Professional Studies in Health Services Administration New School University	1984
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Education Hamilton College	1976

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. Care Systems, Inc., President and CEO	1986-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A New York State licensed home health care agency employing 160 staff members providing nursing and personal care services in 9 counties.	
Mohawk Valley Endocrinology, Utica, New York Optimal Medical Health Care, Utica, New York	2011-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide education and support for weight management patients.	
Hannibal Industries, Inc., Owner and President	1989-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A New York State certified W/MBE manufacturing operation supplying welded and fabricated metal parts to the transportation industry.	
New School University, Adjunct Faculty (Rome and Binghamton Campuses)	1985-1990
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Instructed in the Health Services Administration Program at the under-graduate and graduate level.	
Utica City School District, High School Resource Room Teacher	1986 - 1988

Duofold Corporation, Director of Human Resources and Public Relations

1981 - 1986

- Responsible for personnel and corporate benefits programs.
- Responsible for corporate event planning and media relations.

PRESENT BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Workforce Investment Board of Herkimer, Madison and Oneida Counties
Board of Directors

1984-Present

Access Federal Credit Union
Board of Directors

2001-Present

New York State Association of Home Care Providers

Member since 1995