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New York State Mental Health Commissioner Michael Hogan to visit BBI and present lecture to University community

Michael F. Hogan, Ph.D., New York State Office of Mental Health Commissioner will meet with the leadership of the Burton Blatt Institute. He will then present a public lecture on "Inclusion, Advocacy, And Administration: Is An SU Education Sufficient?" at the Joyce Hergenhan Auditorium in Newhouse III on Monday, January 25, 2010 from 3-4 p.m. (with reception to follow).

Dr. Hogan oversees the NYS Office of Mental Health which operates 25 accredited psychiatric hospitals and administers New York's \$5B public mental health system that serves 650,000 individuals annually. He chaired the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health in 2002-2003. He has received leadership awards from the National Governor's Association, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Campaign for Mental Health Reform, the American College of Mental Health Administration and the American Psychiatric Association. He is a graduate of Cornell University, earned a M.S. degree from the State University College in Brockport NY, and a Ph.D. from Syracuse University.

According to Burton Blatt Institute CEO Michael Morris, "Commissioner Hogan and his team including Project Director John Allen are providing the leadership for job seekers with disabilities to participate in the workforce. I'm proud that the talented team at the Burton Blatt Institute, led by Gary Shaheen, Managing Director for Program Development, is a partner in the New York State Medicaid Infrastructure Grant. This is a unique public-private partnership to advance the employment and economic self-sufficiency of people with disabilities statewide."

The lecture is sponsored by the Burton Blatt Institute, and is co-sponsored by the Office of the Vice Chancellor and Provost, the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, the Martin J. Whitman School of Management, the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, the School of Education, the College of Human Ecology, the 'Enitiative', Center on Human Policy, Law, and Disability Studies, Lawrence B. Taishoff Center for Inclusive Higher Education, and Department of Counseling & Human Services.

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