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ASTOR CEO APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD,

NEW YORK STATE COALITION FOR CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Rhinebeck, NY – July 22, 2016 – James McGuirk, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of Astor Services for Children & Families in the Hudson Valley and the Bronx (<http://astorservices.org/>), a non-profit that serves more than 7,000 children with emotional and behavioral problems, has been named President of the Board for the New York State Coalition for Children's Behavioral Health, a statewide organization that provides policy, advocacy and member services through collaboration to promote the best possible behavioral health services to children, youth and families in New York State.

“I am proud and honored to serve as President of the New York State Coalition for Children's Behavioral Health's board,” said McGuirk. “There's no more important work than supporting children and families, especially those coping behavioral and emotional disturbances. New York State is in a time of transformation in the way services are provided to children and families and it is important that we have organizations like the Coalition who speak on behalf of this vulnerable population.”

McGuirk has been working with children and families for more than 30 years, including 25 years with Astor Services for Children & Families, where he's held positions as assistant executive



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director and director of the residential treatment facility in Rhinebeck, NY. He was appointed executive director/CEO in 2002 and provides overall leadership and direction to all of Astor's programs and services.

In addition to his board position with the New York State Coalition for Children's Behavioral Health, McGuirk was the chair of the Dutchess County Health and Human Service Advisory Committee and serves on other national and state committees that promote the health, welfare and rights of children and families, including the Steering Committee for the New York State Early Childhood Advisory Council, the New York State Early Intervention Coordinating Council and the Children and Family Advisory Committee for the Joint Commission. He also serves on the Boards of the Collaborative for Children and Families and the Children's Health Home of Upstate New York, two recently formed organizations by like-minded children's Human Services organizations that have been designated as Children's Health Homes in New York State.

McGuirk holds a doctorate in Counseling Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Mathematics from the State University of New York at Albany. He resides in Glenmont, New York

Astor Services for Children & Families, as it has since 1953, promotes the well-being of children, adolescents and their families through a range of programs that prevent and treat emotional problems and facilitate healthy development. Now serving more than 7,000 children and families annually, Astor's current range of services to families in the Mid-Hudson Valley and the Bronx include: Residential Treatment, Therapeutic Foster Family Care, Early Childhood Programs, and Community-Based Behavioral Health and Prevention Services. For additional information please visit <http://astorservices.org/> or call (845) 871-1117.

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