



PRESS RELEASE

Central New York Psychiatric Center Named “Top Performer”

New York State Office of Mental Health’s Largest Hospital Honored by The Joint Commission

Albany, NY (September 19, 2012)- The national accrediting body, The Joint Commission (TJC), today announced that one of New York State’s Psychiatric Hospitals is being honored as a 2012 *Top Performer* in The Joint Commission’s *Top Performers on Key Quality Measures*TM program Central New York Psychiatric Center (CNYPC) is among 620 hospitals being recognized and the first within the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) system to be recognized as a *Top Performer*. As a top-performing hospital, the hospital met the 95 percent or above composite score that includes all accountability measures for data reflecting 2011 performance, and met or exceeded a 95% performance target for each accountability measure.

CNYPC is a maximum-security hospital providing comprehensive inpatient psychiatric care as well as prison-based “outpatient” treatment to inmates of the New York State Department of Correction and Community Services (DOCCS) with serious mental illness. Additionally, CNYPC inpatient services provides treatment for sex offenders remanded to OMH care under Mental Health Law Article 10 which provides for the civil commitment of dangerous sex offenders being released from prison, parole supervision, or an OMH facility. With nearly 400 inpatient beds and 8,000 inmate-patients being treated within the prison system, CNYPC is the largest hospital in the OMH system. The hospital provides a full complement of services, including: group and individual therapy, medication management and education, residential mental health treatment, pre-release services and other specialized programs.

New York State Office of Mental Health Commissioner Michael Hogan said: “The New York State Office of Mental Health strives for excellence in quality of care and accountability. We are pleased to report that The Joint Commission has recognized the Central New York Psychiatric Center as one of 620 accredited hospitals in the United States receiving a 95% or above in accountability measures. This ‘top performer’ recognition is an objective reflection of high quality hospital care. My congratulations go out to all of the hard working staff at the Central New York Psychiatric Center. Their dedication and competence reflects the quality of care provided across our hospital system.”

New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision Commissioner Brian Fischer said: “CNYPC has long maintained a vigorous correctional mental health quality assurance and quality improvement program. The services afforded to the mentally ill incarcerated population contribute to improved interpersonal functioning and assists in successful correctional management. I congratulate all of the hardworking staff and offer my best wishes for continued success.”

Central New York Psychiatric Center Executive Director Maureen Bosco said: “Everyday Central New York Psychiatric Center staff comes to work with the intention of doing a good job without expecting any recognition. The staff does their best to provide treatment to our forensic patients and residents while also taking pride in performing a civic duty. To be recognized for their efforts in providing psychiatric care to individuals who have struggled with mental illness as well as with legal issues, is such an extraordinary honor for all of us at Central New York Psychiatric Center.”

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