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### **AHRC Suffolk Appoints New Executive Director**

Bohemia, NY – February 28, 2020 – The Arc New York is pleased to announce that Paul Torres has been formally appointed as Executive Director of AHRC Suffolk. Mr. Torres, who has held leadership positions at the Jewish Child Care Association and Volunteers of America-Greater New York, Inc., joins AHRC Suffolk with extensive experience in the non-profit sector.

Mr. Torres spent more than two decades at the Jewish Child Care Association (JCCA), one of the largest nonprofit, nonsectarian foster care and adoption agencies and mental health service providers in the NYC metropolitan area. He successfully implemented residential and community based programs using evidence-based models and led multi-disciplinary teams that achieved continuous improvement of client outcomes, all while reducing staff turnover.

At Volunteers of America-Greater New York, Inc., Mr. Torres held the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Operation Officer, overseeing more than 90 programs serving numerous vulnerable populations including homeless individuals and families, homeless/at-risk veterans, families coping with domestic violence, children with developmental delays, adults with intellectual disabilities and adults living with behavioral health, HIV/AIDS and substance use issues.

Mr. Torres has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Hamilton College where he completed an undergraduate study abroad program with the London School of Economics and Political Science and a Masters of Social Work from Columbia University, where he earned additional certification in Not-for-Profit Management. He is a New York State Licensed Clinical Social Worker and is trained in various evidence-based models of treatment. Torres has been a member of numerous workgroups and task forces on Medicaid Managed Care.

With both his clinical expertise and leadership experience, Mr. Torres will be a tremendous asset to AHRC's Suffolk Chapter. He is married, a father of two boys, a soccer coach and the Captain in the ladder company of his volunteer fire department.

#### *About AHRC Suffolk*

AHRC Suffolk is a not-for-profit organization which provides programs and services to children and adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities throughout Suffolk County. Currently more than 2,500 people receive educational, vocational, residential, employment, and respite services through AHRC's forty-two facilities.

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