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### **Dr. Gail Barouh appointed to NY State AIDS Advisory Council**

On March 2, 2011, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, on the recommendation of NY State Senator Kemp Hannon, Chair of the Senate Health Committee, announced the appointment of Dr. Gail Barouh to the New York State AIDS Advisory Council. As a member of the council, Dr. Barouh will work to shape HIV/AIDS policy and guide program development through recommendations and reports issued to the Commissioner of Health and the AIDS Institute.

Established in 1983, the New York State AIDS Advisory Council consists of 17 members appointed by the Governor and State legislative leaders, representing various public and professional communities including education, medicine, local health departments, non-profit organizations, advocacy, and service. The council's mandate is to advise both the Health Commissioner and the AIDS Institute in the shaping of research, policy, and fiscal priorities dealing with the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Dr. Barouh holds a Ph.D. in Health Administration and Thanatology from the Union Institute, and an M.A. in Health Education Counseling from Adelphi University. She established the first Long Island support and bereavement groups for family members, loved ones, and friends of people with HIV/AIDS, and facilitated these groups for more than seven years. Her experiences in this area are distilled for health-care professionals in her nationally distributed book, *Support Groups: The Human Face of the HIV/AIDS Bereavement* – topics she has spoken about at numerous professional conferences and seminars around the country.

Dr. Barouh has served on many boards, consortia, agencies, and councils, including the bi-county Ryan White Title I Planning Council, Nassau and Suffolk HIV Commissions, Long Island Association's Health Services Committee, Health and Welfare Council of Nassau County, Association of New York State Community Service Providers, New York AIDS Coalition, and New York State Regional Community Service Programs. Her contributions to community service have been recognized by the Nassau County chapter of the National Organization for Women and the Suffolk County chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union

For the past 25 years, Dr. Barouh has served as the President and CEO of the Long Island Association for AIDS Care, Inc. (LIAAC), a community-based, not-for-profit agency that provides services and support for Long Islanders both infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, and to those at high risk for HIV infection and other infectious diseases. LIAAC is the nation's oldest and largest suburban HIV/AIDS service agency, and to date is the New York State Department of Health's only designated Community Service Provider for both Nassau and Suffolk County.

The Board, Management Team and Staff of LIAAC would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Barouh on her appointment to the NYS AIDS Advisory Council, and recognize how important it is to the region to have someone of her caliber and expertise on the council.

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