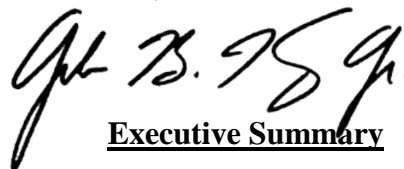




TO: The Honorable the Members of the Board of Regents
FROM: John King
SUBJECT: Appointment of Executive Deputy Commissioner
DATE: December 10, 2012

AUTHORIZATIONS:


Executive Summary

Issue for Decision

Will the Board of Regents approve my appointment of Elizabeth Berlin to the position of Executive Deputy Commissioner?

Reason for Consideration

Elizabeth Berlin will bring to the Executive Deputy Commissioner position extensive knowledge and experience as an administrator with experience managing cross-systems initiatives. Elizabeth is currently the Executive Deputy Commissioner at the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and has served in that role since October 2007. As the Executive Deputy, she oversees the day-to-day operation for the State's supplemental nutrition assistance, homeless housing, public assistance, child support, home energy assistance, disability determination and refugee programs. Elizabeth has also served as Commissioner of the Department of Social Services for the County of Albany and as Health and Human Services Coordinator for the Office of the Albany County Executive, Michael Breslin. Her leadership experience in both state and county government will be an asset as she serves in this role.

Proposed Handling

The Board of Regents will review Ms. Berlin's credentials and experience in Executive Session on December 10, 2012.

Recommendation

I recommend that you take the following action:

VOTED, that the Board of Regents approve the appointment of Elizabeth Berlin to the position of Executive Deputy Commissioner effective January 23, 2013.