

Appointments



Dr. James V. McDonald nominated to serve as Commissioner of NY Dept. of Health

NEW YORK, NY – On March 24, NY Governor **KATHY HOCHUL** announced the nomination of **JAMES V. McDONALD MD, MPH**, to serve as Commissioner of the New York State

Department of Health. He has served as New York's Acting Commissioner of Health since January 1.

"In the midst of unprecedented public health crises, the New York State Department of Health has done extraordinary work keeping New Yorkers safe and healthy," Governor Hochul said. "Dr. James V. McDonald is a talented public health leader with the skills and experience necessary to lead our Department of Health. I am proud to nominate him to this critical role, and I look forward to working closely with him to protect the health of all New Yorkers."

"Serving as Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health is the honor of a lifetime," Dr. McDonald said "I am deeply grateful to Governor Hochul for her confidence in me, and I look forward to working closely with my Department of Health colleagues to continue to deliver for New Yorkers."

Dr. McDonald is a native New Yorker who is originally from Cohoes and received his bachelor's degree from Siena College. He joined the New York State Department of Health in July of 2022, serving as medical director of the Department's Office of Public Health. He later was appointed Interim Director of the Center for Community Health and began serving as Acting Commissioner of Health on January 1 of this year.

Before returning to New York, Dr. McDonald spent a decade at the Rhode Island Department of Health where he served in multiple roles including Interim Director of Health, Chief Administrative Officer of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, Medical Director for the COVID unit, as well as the Medical Director for Center for Customer Services and the Drug Overdose prevention program. He was also a member of the Governor's task force on Preventing Overdose deaths. Dr. McDonald has faculty appointments at the Brown School of Public Health as well as the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. ❖



Kevin K. Martins, EdD, named Chief Diversity Officer of CNE

WARWICK – **KEVIN K. MARTINS, EdD**, has been named Chief Diversity Officer of Care New England Health System, effective April 10, 2023.

Dr. Martins is a strategic senior leader with over fifteen years of progressive experience in higher education, including Student Affairs and Diversity,

Equity, and Inclusion, who will lead Care New England's commitment to establishing an environment that puts diversity, equity, and inclusion at the center of its work.

Associate Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Bryant University, for the last several years, Dr. Martins provided strategic direction for training initiatives to increase awareness and support of equity and inclusion and increase belonging among all campus community members. During his time at Bryant University, he also served as Chair of the President's Council for Inclusive Excellence.

From 2019 to 2020, he served as Special Assistant to the President for Inclusive Excellence, and Director, at the PwC Center for Diversity & Inclusion, where he was the interim Chief Diversity Officer for the University.

Of his many accomplishments at Bryant, he established the Day of Understanding, a day of engagement centered on DEI, with over 6,000 participants attending over the course of three years. He also developed a new employee DEI training program for all new hires at the University and was recognized by the City of Providence with a Citizen Citation for collaborative community work.

Prior to his time with Bryant, Dr. Martins was the Student Conduct Coordinator for the Housing and Residential Life and Dean of the Student's Office at the University of Rhode Island, where he investigated all incidents of bias including but not limited to race, sex, religion, age, color, creed, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or veteran status. He also served as a student conduct hearing officer in a system evaluating more than 2000 cases per year.

Dr. Martins currently serves on several non-profit boards including Diversity and Inclusion Professionals, 617Peak, and The YMCA of Pawtucket, and is a Pawtucket Mayor's Community Board member.

He earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from the University of Rhode Island. He later earned his Master of Business Administration from the University of Rhode Island and his Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Johnson & Wales University. ❖