

**385+ PEOPLE TREATED BY HELIO HEALTH;
TREATMENT CENTER CELEBRATES SUCCESS IN BROOME COUNTY**
100% of patients from Upstate New York

(TOWN OF DICKINSON, NY) Today, Helio Health provided a report on its treatment services in Broome County, six months after opening at the former Broome Developmental Center to provide withdrawal, stabilization, and rehabilitation treatment services.

385 people have been admitted to Helio Health. This information is compiled by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS). The data is from April 5, 2018 through the end of August (five months).

100% of those patients were from upstate New York. 67% of patients were from Broome County. Another 11% reside in Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Tioga and Tompkins counties.

63.7% of Helio Health patients have completed treatment with all treatment goals met.

The length of stay for patients is 4 to 7 days (44.3%) or up to 3 days (35.4%).

The primary substance patients are being admitted for treatment for are heroin (62.8%) then alcohol (24.1%).

Helio Health is moving forward to implement Phase II treatment at the facility which will include residential treatment. Helio Health is working with DASNY and OASAS on this process. Work has been going on all summer and drawings are working to be finalized.

As an interim measure, the state of New York is working on designs and pricing to be able to allow some of the current existing beds to become swing beds until the larger project of Phase II is complete.

CEO OF HELIO HEALTH, JEREMY KLEMANSKI SAID: "With the help and support of many people, we are providing life-changing care, connecting people to other levels of care, and helping save lives in the Southern Tier."

New York State Senator Fred Akshar, State Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, State Assemblyman Clifford Crouch, Broome County Executive Jason Garnar, along with other local officials, law enforcement officials and community members joined Helio Health Officials for today's update announcement.

STATE SENATOR FRED AKSHAR SAID: "This report shows our new treatment center operating exactly as intended by filling local gaps in treatment services and providing local

families and those in recovery with the opportunity to get the help and support they need to get clean and stay clean. It's good news and serves as an edification for anyone who underestimates the power of community members putting their differences aside and working together toward a common goal. By listening to local families, advocates, treatment specialists and other stakeholders at the ground level, we identified clear needs for local services and worked with Helio Health to meet those needs. Our work is far from over, but if we continue to put personal and political differences aside, we will continue to take our community back from the scourge of addiction."

STATE ASSEMBLYWOMAN DONNA LUPARDO SAID: "In its first six months of operation, Helio Health has already made significant progress in the fight against addiction locally. I appreciate their effort to engage stakeholders from the Southern Tier, which has resulted in the majority of patients coming from the greater Broome County area. Working with other providers in the area, Helio has established a continuum of care that will help more individuals with their recovery."

STATE ASSEMBLYMAN CLIFFORD CROUCH SAID: "I've been waiting for this day when we could gauge whether our work to establish the treatment center brought successful outcomes. I think we can say yes. Having offered treatment to 385 people indicates that the need was there."

BROOME COUNTY EXECUTIVE JASON GARNAR SAID: "This treatment center is saving lives in Broome County and Upstate New York. The success Helio Health has had in its first months is amazing. Overdoses are down in Broome County and this new treatment center is to credit, in part, for that. The facts don't lie. The few people who had negative opinions about this were wrong. These patients are coming from the Southern Tier and upstate New York, not Detroit and Philadelphia. Thank you to Helio Health for being a great partner with Broome County and bringing this much needed treatment to our county and saving lives."

Helio Health offers a complete continuum of care for people in recovery that includes in-patient rehabilitation and detoxification, outpatient, supportive living, and aftercare services.

New York State is providing an annual funding grant of up to \$1,500,000 (currently) and the use of Building 1 at Broome Developmental Center for Helio Health.

Helio Health will eventually employ nearly 65 people at its Broome County location, and is still hiring. It also has locations in Syracuse and Rochester.