



August 20, 2014

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Mr. Raul Russi  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Puerto Rican Organization to Motivate, Enlighten,  
and Serve Addicts, Inc. (PROMESA)  
1776 Clay Avenue  
Bronx, New York 10457

Re: Provider #166  
*Conditional* Operating Certificate  
#C150711852 [Established]  
PRU #TBD

Dear Mr. Russi:

*Conditional* Operating Certificate #C150711852 is issued by the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) pursuant to the New York State Mental Hygiene Law. This *Conditional* Operating Certificate provides authorization for The Puerto Rican Organization to Motivate, Enlighten, and Serve Addicts, Inc. (PROMESA) to operate a Part 822-5 chemical dependence opioid treatment service at 254 Virginia Street, Buffalo, effective August 20, 2014. The establishment is based on review and approval of Certification Application #2012-105.

PROMESA is responsible for complying with applicable building occupancy limitations and securing any necessary approvals from other governmental entities.

PROMESA has also agreed to comply with the following additional conditions:

- Enhanced security of the external perimeter of the building through camera monitoring and security guard patrol;
- Establishing a Community Advisory Board which will meet monthly;
- Facilitating quarterly community meetings which shall be open to the public;
- Enhanced relationship with the local police; and
- Providing for community membership on the Hispanos Unidos de Buffalo (HUB) board of directors.

OASAS is granting this conditional operating certificate based on the following additional findings:

- The character of the leadership and the history of PROMESA as a provider which operates programs that are safe and respectful of the communities they serve;
- The significant community outreach of PROMESA as evidenced by the more than 60 community meetings held to discuss this proposal;
- PROMESA's agreement to provide security patrols in the community surrounding the treatment program;

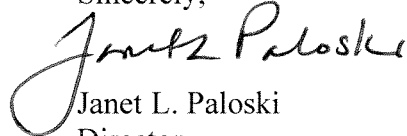
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- The unmet need for OTP which is acknowledged by the Erie County Department of Mental health and further evidenced by the more than 500 people who are waiting lists at the other nearby OTPs;
- NYS is facing an epidemic with heroin and opioid abuse and misuse and in the last decade we have seen an approximately 250% increase in admissions to OASAS treatment programs where heroin or other opioids were the primary substance of abuse.

This Operating Certificate is to be prominently displayed at the service site.

The Mental Hygiene Law requires services to be operated in accordance with the terms of the Operating Certificate. Therefore, please carefully examine this certificate and notify the Bureau of Certification immediately if it contains any inaccuracies.

Sincerely,



Janet L. Paloski  
Director

Bureau of Certification and Systems Management

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State of New York

# Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 32 of the Mental Hygiene Law

## The Puerto Rican Organization to Motivate, Enlighten, and Serve Addicts, Inc. (PROMESA)

is hereby granted this

### CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE OPERATING CERTIFICATE

authorizing the operation of Chemical Dependence Services, in compliance with the requirements of  
14 NYCRR Parts 800 and 814 and the laws and regulations of the State of New York

Site

1st & 2nd Floor  
254 Virginia Street  
Buffalo, New York 14201

Program Name(s)

Service(s)

- Part 822-5 Opioid Treatment Program - 200 patients



*Charles W. Monson*

CHARLES W. MONSON  
ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

C150711852

CERTIFICATE NUMBER

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 20, 2014

CONDITIONAL

EXPIRATION DATE: July 31, 2015