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Queens County Neuropsychiatric Institutes Joins Bleuler Psychotherapy Center

Bleuler Psychotherapy Center, Inc. (BPC) is pleased to announce that they have united with the Queens County Neuropsychiatric Institute (QCNI) and as of May 18, 2023, QCNI will now formally be known as QCNI-Bleuler Jackson Heights. As one entity, they look forward to building upon their respective long and rich history of providing community based mental health services to those in and around the many neighborhoods, within and beyond Queens. With a renewed vision that includes on-site substance use services, already available at BPC's Forest Hills location, patients will now have more choice as to where they opt to receive their care. Dr. Joseph Faillace, who has led QCNI for almost 3 decades, will continue as an Executive Consultant to assist with the transition.

BPC's acquisition of QCNI is a result of a mission aligned record and commitment to providing quality, community based, behavioral health services, collectively, for over 5 decades. Both organizations are especially proud of being able to care for patients since their inception, who otherwise may not have been able to access care due to an inability to pay privately for treatment. As individual agencies, they have had an ongoing impact on reducing the utilization of emergency department and in-patient psychiatric hospitalization through their ability to engage and retain patients in outpatient treatments. With that shared vision, they look forward to continuing to do so not only as they have in the past, but by identifying and collaborating with other strategic partners positioned to impact on health outcomes of those in their care. "BPC is confident that the legacy of QCNI will continue amid a renewed focus on enhancing the patient experience, as support and infrastructure are modernized at the Jackson Heights location." said Dr. Steven Helfand Executive Director of BPC, adding "BPC is excited and pleased to welcome both existing QCNI staff and patients into our BPC family."

Both agencies are licensed by the New York State Office of Mental Health and are long time members of The Federation of Mental Health Services, a trade association of outpatient Mental Health and Substance Use agencies advocating for the continuation and preservation of the community-based behavioral health outpatient treatment model in New York, as well as founding owner/board members of the BHNYS IPA.

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