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### **SNAP HIRES PAOLA MICELI AS CEO; SUCCEEDS LINDA LEEST**

Services Now for Adult Persons, Inc. (SNAP) faced a challenge it had not encountered in almost three decades. SNAP's Board of Directors announced the appointment of Paola Miceli to succeed Linda M. Leest, Phd. as SNAP President/ CEO. SNAP Executive Board Chair Clarisse Panellino said the SNAP Board and its search committee, following a comprehensive search process, selected Miceli, currently Director of Health and Human Services for the Queens Borough President. Miceli will assume her position in the fall of 2013.

Mrs. Panellino stated, "Paola Miceli has made a career of working with the communities of Queens and it's older population. She has worked at Borough Hall for 32 years and understands the needs of the people who live and work here. She is no stranger to hard work and has a full understanding of budgets and its constraints. She is a caring, compassionate, kind person who we are certain will meld well with the multi-cultural background of the seniors and staff of SNAP."

Miceli succeeds Dr. Leest who joined SNAP as executive director in 1985. Under her exemplary and dedicated leadership, SNAP experienced both growth in size and scope of services from case management, home-delivered meals and transportation to include the Bell Park, Floral Park, Queens Village and Rosedale Senior Centers. (The Floral Park and Queens Village Centers consolidated in 1999.) The agency provides a broad array of services to thousands of seniors in Queens beyond its location in eastern Queens. SNAP and many other agencies have recognized Dr. Leest for her leadership and dedicated service, including honoring her at its June 28, 2013 annual dinner at Antun's. "I am so pleased that someone with the excellent qualifications and experience will now be the CEO at SNAP," stated Dr. Leest in welcoming her successor.

Services Now for Adult Persons, Inc. (SNAP), an agency dedicated to the needs of older adults, provide direct services to enhance their quality of life. SNAP also provides coordination of case plans and advocacy on behalf of its clients. SNAP was developed in 1979 through the Senior Services Coordinating Committee's identification of gaps in services for older adults in the northern neighborhoods of Queens Community Board 13. Its Case Management program currently services Queens Community Boards 8, 11 and 13. Its Caregiver program currently serves Queens Community Boards 10, 12, 13 and 14. In coordination with India Home, SNAP began a program to introduce the community's growing South Asian population to the many services offered at its senior centers.