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Occupations, Inc., Second Licensed Agency in New York State to Implement New Service Delivery “PROS”

Middletown, NY, October 8, 2007 — Occupations, Inc., has been designated as the second licensed agency in the State of New York to implement a new mental health treatment and recovery service known as PROS. Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS), located at the Occupations, Inc., Union Center Professional Building, provides an array of rehabilitation and recovery services to adults with a mental illness. Cathy Sellars, LCSW Therapist, has been promoted to join Patricia Dunleavy as team leaders of this new initiative.

“We are excited to be a part of this new initiative to help people on their path to live satisfying lives. PROS offers several opportunities for individuals in mental health treatment reach their personal goals. Our staff is confident that PROS will achieve significant outcomes for the people we serve,” commented Vicki O’Brien, Union Center Intensive Outpatient Program Director.

Community rehabilitation and support is the core component of the PROS program and includes services to assist individuals in acquiring and maintaining skills and supports to live successfully in their communities. These include wellness self-management, benefits and financial management, leisure planning and skill development to manage symptoms and practice life skills. The PROS program offers intensive rehabilitation services to assist individuals in obtaining specific life roles, reduce risk of relapse, hospitalization, loss of housing, or involvement with the criminal justice system. For individuals employed in the competitive workplace, ongoing rehabilitation services are available to provide ongoing support and to assist in the management of mental health symptoms. Clinical services are available to individuals for medication management as well as group and individual therapy. The PROS team is composed of dedicated, experienced and trained professionals who embrace the principles of rehabilitation and recovery.

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Occupations, Inc. is one of Orange County’s largest not-for-profit human services agencies, providing a broad array of services, information, and referrals to over 13,000 people annually. For adults, Occupations, Inc. offers full employment services, transportation, recreation, residential opportunities, individual and group counseling, case management, partial hospitalization and intensive psychiatric services at several locations throughout the Hudson Valley. Children, adults and families can take advantage of individual and group counseling, case management and multiple children’s and child welfare services. The Mobile Mental Health Services Team provides clinician-staffed telephone support and 24-hour on-site crisis intervention. All of Occupations, Inc.’s services can be accessed 24-hours a day, seven-days-a-week, through one toll-free call to the Service Access Center at **1-888-750-2266**.

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(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT), Occupations, Inc.’s, Vicki O’Brien, Union Center Intensive Outpatient Program Director with PROS Team Leaders Cathy Sellars, LCSW Therapist and Patricia Dunleavy.