



**Office of  
Mental Health**

**Statement from OMH Commissioner Ann Sullivan on Election of  
Dr. Maria Oquendo as American Psychiatric Association President**

“I congratulate Dr. Maria A. Oquendo on her election as President of the American Psychiatric Association. Dr. Oquendo’s tenure at the New York State Office of Mental Health’s internationally recognized New York State Psychiatric Institute spans nearly 30 years and encompasses many of her award winning achievements in the field of psychiatric research. As the first Latina President of the American Psychiatric Association, she will promote and evolve the field of mental health care in pursuit of a prevention-focused agenda and bring together psychiatrists from around the country in support of the greater good. The impact she will have on this prestigious organization is undeniable and I look forward to her continued success in the advancement and understanding of mental health care in New York and across the globe.” – New York State Office of Mental Health Commissioner Dr. Ann Sullivan