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County Health's Fiscal Officer Recognized By State DOH

Thomas Engle, the Oneida County Health Department's Fiscal Services Administrator, has been recognized by the New York State Department Of Health for his nearly 30-years of outstanding service to public health in Oneida County, County Executive Anthony J. Picente announced today.

Engle, who will be featured on the State's *Public Health Works!* website, began his career with the department in 1984 and has served as Corporate Compliance Officer and Early Intervention Officer as well as Fiscal Services Administrator overseeing all of the health department's financial activities and insuring that the vital services necessary to protect the public can be maintained.

"While Tom's knowledge and expertise in accounting and fiscal management would be highly rewarded in the private sector, his dedication to public service and the health department sets him apart and makes him most deserving of this recognition," Picente said. He added, *His extensive knowledge of grants, budgeting, State Aid formula and financial management practices insures that county taxpayers receive the maximum reimbursements for the services provided and that the department operates efficiently and effectively."*

Patrice Bogan, Interim Director of Health, stressed that her efforts to streamline the department's operations while effectively maintaining vital services during these challenging budgetary times would not be possible without Engle's guidance.

"Tom is able to accomplish so much with a minimal staff, while always maintaining his patience and a sense of humor. He is held in the highest regard and with deep personal affection by all who know and work with him. I join with County Executive Picente and each of Tom's colleagues in the Health Department in extending him my sincerest congratulations on his Public Health Works! award."

Tom is a native of Rome where he resides with his wife and their two children.