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## Public Health Nurse Named to State Honor Roll

A Supervising Public Health Nurse with the Oneida County Health Department has been named to the New York State *Public Health Works* 'Honor Roll', Acting Director of Health Daniel Gilmore announced today.

Sandra Pejicic has served the local community since arriving in Utica in 1997 as a Bosnian refugee, first as a volunteer at the resettlement agency and then as an interpreter and TB Outreach Worker with the Oneida County Health Department. After pursuing a degree in nursing, Sandra was hired as a Registered Nurse in 2001 at the health department and was eventually promoted to *Public Health Nurse* and *TB Program Coordinator* after earning her Bachelor of Science Degree in 2003.

***"Sandra's selection is in part a recognition of her dedication and empathy,"*** Gilmore said. He added, ***"Because of her personal experiences, she is able to identify with the diverse cultural community being served by our department."***

Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente, Jr. said Pejicic's accomplishments were recently acknowledged by New York State Commissioner of Health, Dr. Richard F. Daines, in a speech before the State's Nurses Association.

***"Her hardworking, goal-oriented demeanor reflects well on our community and makes her an asset to the health department and a role model to both her peers and the refugees she helps,"*** Picente said.

In addition to her responsibilities as a Supervising Public Health Nurse, Sandra works with Refugee Health Assessment Programs. She and her husband reside in their home in Utica with their two children.

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