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County Health Department Clinic Director Honored by State *Melanie Adams Named to 2020 New York State Public Health Works! Honor Roll*

Oneida County Health Department Director of Clinic Services Melanie Adams has been recognized as a member of the 2020 New York State Public Health Works! Honor Roll.

"Melanie Adams is a leader whose understanding, support and desire to have everyone reach their full potential has been vital to the success of our Health Department," said Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente Jr. "She has led her team with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, especially during the enormous challenges we have faced during the coronavirus pandemic."

The Public Health Works! Honor Roll was established by the New York State Department of Health to highlight the key role public health workers play in protecting and promoting the health of all New Yorkers.

Adams was chosen for this award because of her leadership skills, dedication to public health and her hard work promoting and protecting the health of Oneida County.

"Melanie has been an asset to the county health department and to our entire community," said Oneida County Director of Health, Phyllis D. Ellis, BSN, MS, FACHE. "She has been instrumental in oversight of our clinical services division, as well as health promotion and education and various grant programs. Melanie is a team player and always works hard to improve the health of our community."

Adams began working for the Oneida County Health Department in 2014 and became Director of Clinic Services four years later. She oversees the day-to-day operations of the OCHD clinic including immunizations, and communicable disease tracking as well as leads a team of public health educators who work to educate the community.

She has been successful in engaging her Clinic and Health Promotion staff on initiatives of quality improvement, performance measurement, workforce development, community collaborations and teambuilding. Her Health Promotion Team has identified the strength that community collaborations can bring to improving the health of residents including teaming with the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, Deerfield Fire Department and the county Health Department's Car Seat program for successful installation and seat check events.

For more information about the Public Health Works! Honor Roll and the 2020 members please visit:

https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/public_health_works/honor_roll/

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