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## Local Commissioners Memorandum

### Section 1

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| <b>To:</b>                             | Local District Commissioners   |  |
| <b>Issuing Division/Office:</b>        | Commissioner's Office  |  |
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| <b>Subject:</b>                        | Appointment of<br>OTDA Executive Deputy Commissioner<br>and<br>OTDA Deputy Commissioner for Division of Temporary Assistance |  |
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| <b>Attachment Available On – Line:</b> | N/A  |  |

### Section 2

#### I. Purpose

The purpose of this LCM is to announce the appointment of two new Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) senior staff members.

#### Sandra Pettinato

Ms. Sandra Pettinato will be joining OTDA as Executive Deputy Commissioner effective October 1, 2004. Ms. Pettinato is currently the Deputy Director for the New York State Medicaid Program at the Department of Health. She has worked for the State since 1980, beginning in the Division of the Budget, where she was employed until her appointment in 2000 with the Department of Health. Her experience in State government will be a valuable asset to OTDA.

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## **Russell Sykes**

Mr. Russell Sykes will be joining OTDA as the Deputy Commissioner in the Division of Temporary Assistance effective September 20, 2004. Mr. Sykes has been at the Schuyler Center for Advocacy and Analysis (SCAA) for 17 years and currently serves as its Vice President. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in social welfare policy and practice.

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