

# What's new on the business scene for July 28

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## APPOINTMENTS

**Coalition appoints board president** — James McGuirk, chief executive officer of Astor Services for Children & Families, recently was named president of the board for the New York State Coalition for Children's Behavioral Health, a statewide organization that provides policy, advocacy and services through partnerships to promote behavioral health services to children, youth and families throughout [New York state](#).

"I am proud and honored to serve as president of the New York State Coalition for Children's Behavioral Health's board," said McGuirk.

"There's no more important work than supporting children and families, especially those coping (with) behavioral and emotional disturbances. New York state is in a time of transformation in the way services are provided to children and families and it is important that we have organizations like the Coalition who speak on behalf of this vulnerable population."

McGuirk has 30 years of related experience, including 25 years with Astor, where he has held positions including assistant executive director and director of the residential treatment facility in Rhinebeck. He was appointed executive director/CEO in 2002.

Apart from his board position, McGuirk served as the former chair of the Dutchess County Health and Human Service Advisory Committee and serves on other national and state committees that promote the health, welfare and rights of children and families including the Steering Committee for the New York State Early Childhood Advisory Council, the New York State Early Intervention Coordinating Council and the Children and Family Advisory Committee for the [Joint Commission](#).

He also serves on the boards of the Collaborative for Children and Families and the Children's Health Home of Upstate New York.

McGuirk holds a doctorate in counseling psychology and a bachelor's in psychology and mathematics from the [State University of New York at Albany](#). He resides in Glenmont, New York.

Astor Services for Children & Families focuses on the well-being of children, adolescents and their families through programming designed to prevent and treat emotional problems and facilitate development. The organization currently serves more than 7,000 children and families annually.

The organization offers residential treatment, therapeutic foster family care, early childhood programs and community-based behavioral health and prevention services.

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