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**FIRST LADY CHIRLANE MCCRAY TO ANNOUNCE CREATION OF ROADMAP FOR A MORE
INCLUSIVE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM**

NEW YORK—First Lady Chirlane McCray will deliver remarks on Wednesday at the From Punishment to Public Health (P2PH) 2015 Conference in Brooklyn. The First Lady will speak from a personal perspective about the need to expand the quality and array of mental health services.

As Chair of the Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City, the First Lady will oversee a partnership between the Mayor’s Fund, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and Fund for Public Health that will create a roadmap for a more inclusive mental health system - one that meets the needs of every New Yorker, throughout the five boroughs.

The roadmap will describe the burden that depression, anxiety, addiction, and other all-too-common diseases inflict upon New York City’s communities. It will also lay out a series of actions that address the needs and disparities the team identifies.

“For too long, our society has tried to ignore the great emotional, social and economic costs of mental illness, even as so many of our neighbors suffer in silence,” said **First Lady Chirlane McCray**. “I’m proud to announce that the Mayor’s Fund will play a leading role in the push to address the mental health crisis head-on.”

WHO: First Lady Chirlane McCray

WHAT: Policy-to-Practice: Transformative Governance Strategies to Enhance Public Mental Health Second Annual Conference

WHEN: 10:45 AM, Wednesday January 28

WHERE: Brooklyn Borough Hall

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