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### **EIHAB Human Services Appoints New Chief Operating Officer**

**SPRINGFIELD GARDENS, NEW YORK, November 8, 2018-** Queens nonprofit EIHAB Human Services has named Joshua Thomas as its Chief Operating Officer effective November 1<sup>st</sup>. Reporting to CEO/Executive Director Ahmed Hegazy, he will oversee operations at the agency's New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania offices, as well as a fourth location soon to be launched in South Florida.

A dedicated advocate of the agency, Mr. Thomas brings twelve years of experience in Human Services and a strong commitment to enhancing the lives of individuals in need. Mr. Thomas joined EIHAB Human Services as Assistant Director of Residential Services in 2013, and was later promoted to Director of the program. He continued to move up the ranks, serving as Director of Operations, and in February 2017, was appointed as EIHAB's Vice President of Operations.

As the agency's Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Thomas oversees many vital services, including Day Habilitation Programs and several community residences. He works tirelessly to ensure each program functions seamlessly and successfully meets state and federal regulations, enabling the best possible care for hundreds of developmentally disabled individuals. While ensuring EIHAB continues to operate as a first-rate agency, Mr. Thomas has been instrumental to the opening of group homes in New York City, and helped to launch and expand EIHAB's Long Island office. Prior to joining the agency, Mr. Thomas held positions at the Puerto Rican Family Institute and PSCH, a human service nonprofit delivering comprehensive services to individuals with developmental and behavioral disabilities.

Commenting on his new position, Mr. Thomas said, "I want to thank Mr. Hegazy for this wonderful opportunity, as well as the entire EIHAB team for their unwavering support and guidance throughout my employment at the agency. I am honored to serve as COO of our 'EIHAB Family' and look forward to working together to propel EIHAB Human Services to new heights."

"Joshua's extraordinary commitment to our mission has helped to transform countless lives

at our agency,” said EIHAB CEO/Executive Director Ahmed Hegazy. “As COO, his outstanding leadership will remain an asset, as we continue our exciting journey of growth and expansion. On behalf of everyone at EIHAB Human Services, a heartfelt congratulations to Joshua on his well-deserved promotion.”

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### **About EIHAB Human Services**

EIHAB Human Services is a multi-lingual, multicultural not-for-profit organization serving children and adults with developmental disabilities and behavioral health challenges. EIHAB Human Services began its mission in 1997, providing Case Management services to a population of ten before expanding into a multitude of quality of life enhancement services delivered to hundreds of individuals in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

EIHAB’s philosophy of care supports individual choice, meaningful treatment and restrictive use of psychotropic medications and other procedures. The agency’s team of direct support professionals, teachers, therapists, social workers, clinicians and administrators uphold the highest standard of service delivery and a shared vision of exemplary, individual-centered practice.

More information about EIHAB Human Services can be found at [www.eihab.org](http://www.eihab.org).