



**Office of Alcoholism and  
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September 20, 2016

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Mr. Raul Russi  
Chief Executive Officer  
Acacia Network, Inc. as Sponsor, The Puerto  
Rican Organization to Motivate, Enlighten, and  
Serve Addicts, Inc. (PROMESA) as Operator  
1776 Clay Avenue  
Bronx, New York 10457-7239

Re: Provider #166  
Operating Certificate #170811936  
[Established]  
PRU #52898

Dear Mr. Russi:

Operating Certificate #170811936 is issued by the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) pursuant to the New York State Mental Hygiene Law. This Operating Certificate authorizes Acacia Network, Inc. as Sponsor, The Puerto Rican Organization to Motivate, Enlighten, and Serve Addicts, Inc. (PROMESA) as Operator to operate a Part 822 chemical dependence outpatient service, at 553-561 Court Street, Brooklyn, based on review and approval of Certification Application #2016-057, effective September 20, 2016.

Acacia Network, Inc. as Sponsor, The Puerto Rican Organization to Motivate, Enlighten, and Serve Addicts, Inc. (PROMESA) as Operator is responsible for complying with applicable building occupancy limitations and securing any necessary approvals from other governmental entities.

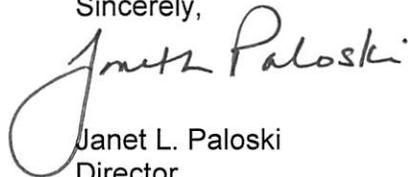
This Operating Certificate is to be prominently displayed at the service site.

The Mental Hygiene Law requires services to be operated in accordance with the terms of the Operating Certificate. Therefore, please carefully examine this certificate and notify the Bureau of Certification immediately if it contains any inaccuracies.

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Pursuant to the NYS Justice Center Act, OASAS providers are required to conduct criminal background checks on prospective hires, contractors, volunteers, or interns **if they have the potential to or may be permitted to have regular and substantial unsupervised or unrestricted physical contact with service recipients**. The OASAS criminal background check will provide you with the information needed to comply with this process. If you have any questions about the criminal background check process, please contact OASAS Counsel's Office at [cbc@oasas.ny.gov](mailto:cbc@oasas.ny.gov).

Sincerely,



Janet L. Paloski  
Director

Bureau of Certification and Systems Management

Enclosure  
cc w/enc.:

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Inc. (PROMESA) as Operator)  
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Puerto Rican Organization to Motivate, Enlighten, and Serve Addicts, Inc.  
(PROMESA) as Operator)

State of New York

# Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 32 of the Mental Hygiene Law

Acacia Network, Inc. as Sponsor, The Puerto Rican Organization to Motivate, Enlighten, and Serve Addicts, Inc. (PROMESA) as Operator

is hereby granted this

## CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE OPERATING CERTIFICATE

authorizing the operation of Chemical Dependence Services, in compliance with the requirements of 14 NYCRR Parts 800 and 814 and the laws and regulations of the State of New York

Site

1st - 4th Floors  
553-561 Court Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11231

Program Name(s)

Service(s)

- Part 822 Outpatient Services [with ancillary withdrawal services]



*Charles W. Monson*

CHARLES W. MONSON  
ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

170811936

CERTIFICATE NUMBER

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 20, 2016  
EXPIRATION DATE: August 31, 2017