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October 22, 1986

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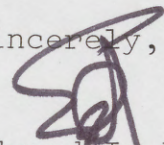
Dear Marty:

Pursuant to Sections 595 and 596 of the New York City Charter and Section 41.11(b) of the State Mental Hygiene Law, I am pleased to reappoint you to a fourth term on the Community Services Board of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services, and to redesignate you as Board Chairman. The term of office will expire on December 31, 1989.

Your concern for the mental hygiene needs of the special populations served by the Department has been demonstrated many times over during your service as Community Services Board Chairman. Under your continuing leadership, I look forward to a furtherance of the Board's advocacy and support in broadening the public awareness of the needs of the disabled.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,


Edward I. Koch
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MENTAL RETARDATION AND ALCOHOLISM SERVICES

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NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 25, 1982

The Community Services Board of the New York City Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services is pleased to announce that Mayor Edward I. Koch has reappointed Martin S. Begun, Vice President for External Affairs and Associate Dean, New York University School of Medicine, to a third term as Chairman of the Community Services Board.

Under the New York State Mental Hygiene Law, and the New York City Charter, the Community Services Board functions as a 15 member advisory body, with members appointed by the Mayor, to advise the City Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services on policies affecting the delivery of local mental hygiene services to residents of the City.

In commenting on the Mayor's reappointment of Mr. Begun as Chairman, Dr. Sara L. Kellermann, Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services, praised Mr. Begun's contributions and leadership in advancing the cause of the mentally disabled, particularly with regard to the needs of chronically mentally disabled patients who have been deinstitutionalized from State Psychiatric Centers without adequate planning, and who now reside on the streets and in the shelters of our City.

Dr. Kellermann noted that, "the advice and counsel of Martin Begun and the members of the Community Services Board has been invaluable to the Department in helping us to keep in touch with the critical needs of more than 350,000 children and adults currently being served through voluntary and municipal agencies in contract with the Department."

During Martin Begun's tenure, the Board has convened conferences and forums which have focused on issues related to treating the mentally disabled in local communities, the violently mentally ill, mental health services for children and youth, and the mental health needs of the urban elderly.

In addition, the Board issued two major reports, "Reviving A Sense of Community: A Report of the Citywide Urban Crisis Committee," and "Final Report of the Interagency Task Force on Problems of Deinstitutionalization and the Chronically Mentally Ill."

More recently, in cooperation with the Board of Education to improve the access of children and adolescents to community based mental health services, a Joint Community Services Board/Board of Education Committee on Children's Services was formed. The Committee's efforts have contributed to improved referral rates from within the schools to mental health services in the community.

The Board also has been actively involved in collaborating with city officials and civic leaders to promote public awareness of the dangers of youthful alcohol abuse in conjunction with St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

Dean Begun has served as Chairman of the 15-member mayorally appointed advisory body since 1976. His reappointment to a third term was made possible as a result of recently enacted legislation which removed the limitation, previously required under State Law, of two consecutive terms of service on the Community Services Board, thus enabling the Mayor to exercise maximum flexibility in appointing board members who will best serve the interests of the city's mentally disabled.

Other members of the Board are:

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Dean Begun's term of office will expire on December 31, 1985.

For further information, contact Olga Nicastro, Executive Assistant,
(212) 566-6942/3.



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MARIO M. CUOMO
GOVERNOR

August 19, 1983

Dear Mr. Begun:

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a member of the Select Commission on the Future of the State/Local Mental Health System.

This Commission is charged with reviewing the State's current mental health system and preparing recommendations that will clearly define the roles and responsibilities of state and local government in the planning, regulation and provision of mental health services. Our primary goal will be the assurance of quality mental health care. The Select Commission will also examine current mechanisms for coordinating and funding mental health services and develop recommendations for new financing methods that will promote effective and efficient care.

The heavy demand upon the mental health system, particularly within the State's current economic constraints, adds particular significance and urgency to the work of the Select Commission. You will be notified shortly about the first meeting of the Commission which will be held in early September.

I appreciate your willingness to serve on this important Commission and look forward to receiving your recommendations.

Sincerely,

Mario M. Cuomo

Mr. Martin S. Begun
Vice President for
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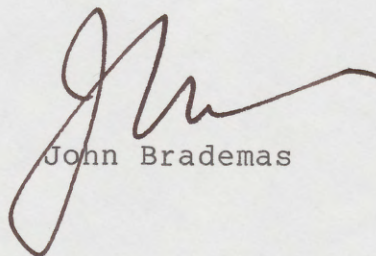
Dear Marty:

Let me on behalf of your colleagues at New York University express warmest congratulations on your installation as Chairman of the Community Services Board of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services of the City of New York.

I regret that I could not join you as you were administered the oath of office by Mayor Edward I. Koch and so take this opportunity to extend my personal compliments.

You have my appreciation for what I know will be distinguished service to honor an important civic trust and best personal regards.

Sincerely,



John Brademas

JB/df

MARTIN S. BEGUN

October 22, 1991

Honorable James R. Dumpson, Ph.D.
Chairman of the Board
Health and Hospitals Corporation
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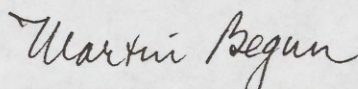
Dear Jim:

Based on my long association and friendship for you and Mayor Dinkins, it was a special privilege to be considered for the management team selected to assist you in this transition period of the Health and Hospitals Corporation. After further discussions with you, colleagues and other associates, I believe it would be best if my relationship with HHC remain informal.

However, I will continue to be available to you on an as-needed basis whenever you deem it appropriate. As Chair of the Community Services Board of the Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services, I have ample opportunity to interact with you and colleagues in government.

I am fully supportive of the objectives of the management team and yourself. I endorse your mission and wish you well.

Most sincerely,


Martin S. Begun



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Department of Mental Health
Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services

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Luncheon

Welcome and Introduction:

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Guest Speakers:

Bertram Brown, M.D.
Assistant Surgeon General
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RICHARD C. SURLES, Ph.D., Commissioner

November 15, 1994

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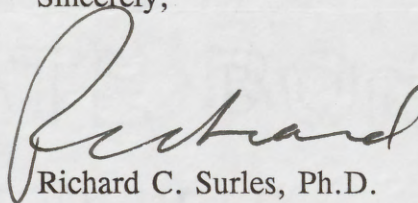
Dear Martin,

I regret that I was not able to attend the celebration of your 18 years as Chairman of the New York City Community Services Board.

The last two decades have been challenging times, but New York City's mental health programs have flourished in number, size and quality. Much of the success is due to your wise leadership and your deep concern for the well-being of people with mental illness. In the years I have been Commissioner, I have come to rely on your clear thinking, integrity and reasonableness in solving issues that sometime arise between state and city mental health agencies. We thank you for your help.

May I join your many friends and colleagues in expressing our gratitude for your past efforts and our best wishes for health, happiness and continued success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



Richard C. Surles, Ph.D.
Commissioner



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November 14, 1994

Mr. Martin S. Begun
Associate Dean, External Affairs
NYU Medical Center

Dear Martin:

I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your 18 successful years as Chairman of The Community Services Board. I was sorry I couldn't stay long enough to hear the wonderful things people had to say about you and to add a few words of my own. You are an extraordinarily generous and caring person. I feel honored to have you as both a friend and colleague.

Very truly yours,

Theresa A. Bischoff

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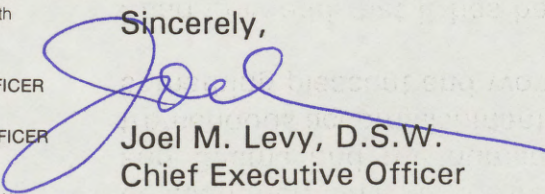
Seeing all the people that came out to celebrate your many contributions to the people of the City of New York was only a moment in time of the accolades you deserve. Whether it was Steve Sanders talking about your ageless grace and continued youth (you must tell me where the Ponce de Leon fountain is) or the extraordinary comments from Mayors Dinkins and Beame and the numerous other speakers who recognized your tremendous accomplishments, every person in the room could have said something pleasant and wonderful about you.

I can only add that it has been a pleasure to know you and to see the benefits that you have created for people with disabilities and other constituency groups throughout New York City. You are a remarkable person that goes way beyond any description. It was a very special part of the evening when you went around the room and recognized the past commissioners and other persons.

Throughout your distinguished career your commitment, concern and compassion for others have brought happiness and peace of mind into the lives of thousands of individuals. And now that you are retiring, that is what I wish for you, a life filled with joy, good health, happiness and peace of mind.

If time permits, I would love to take you to lunch and spend some time.

Sincerely,


Joel M. Levy, D.S.W.
Chief Executive Officer

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November 8, 1994

Mr. Martin S. Begun
NYU Medical Center
School of Medicine
Dean's Office
550 First Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Marty:

For some reason, I didn't receive the original invitation to join you for the celebration on November 10th and just received the fax reminder.

Circumstances being as they are, I would not have been able to attend because I'll be overseas, but I want you to know that I'll be with you in spirit and I congratulate you on your 18 years of service as Chairman of the Department of Mental Health and related services.

I know it will be a wonderful occasion and I wish I could be with you.

All the best.

Sincerely,

W. I. Spencer

DANIEL ROSENBLOOM

437 MADISON AVENUE
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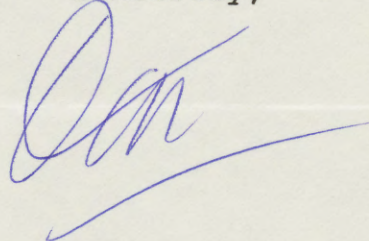
Mr. Martin S. Begun, Vice President
NYU Medical Center
Office of Dean
550 First Avenue
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Dear Martin:

I am extremely sorry I will not be able to attend
The Community Services Board event in your honor
this Thursday since I am leaving tonight for a one
week trip to Italy. In any event, I join in
congratulating you and am enclosing a check to the
Mental Hygiene Enhancement Fund as a gift in your
honor. Would you kindly forward it.

All the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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October 19, 1994

Martin S. Begun
Vice President & Assoc. Dean
NYU Medical Center
550 First Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dear Marty:

I just received the invitation from the City Department to the party in your honor on November 10th. I eagerly turned to put it in my appointment book to find that I will be out of town that night.

I'm really sorry that I can't be with the rest of the mental health community to pay tribute to what's been an extraordinary contribution of yours to all of us. I wanted you to know that I treasure your friendship and support on a personal basis as well.

I'll just have to take you out to lunch instead, and I look forward to being in touch with you soon. Remember my invitation to join our Board. Nothing could make me happier, so give it some thought.

Sincerely,

Alan B. Siskind, Ph.D.
Executive Vice President

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October 28, 1994

Mr. Martin S. Begun
Vice President for External Affairs
New York University School of Medicine
550 First Avenue, Dean's Office
New York City, New York 10016

Dear Marty,

I have just received an invitation to the cocktail-buffet in your honor on November 10, and find to my disappointment that this date presents a conflict dating back to an arrangement made last August, for that evening.

Although I can't attend the event, I am sending a contribution for the Mental Hygiene Enhancement Fund.

Please let me say what I am sure hundreds of your colleagues and friends are also telling you. Your selfless contribution to the City Department and the entire mental hygiene sector over so many years cannot be quantified. I myself have been aware of dozens of occasions when you have personally settled what would otherwise have been a public controversy, through quiet diplomacy based on the respect you have earned in so many quarters. And you have done this out of love for the sector, in an impeccable manner which serves as a model for us all.

Please let me join your numerous admiring colleagues in expressing my thanks, and hoping that your advice will continue to be available to the sector during these difficult times.

Sincerely yours,

Peter R. Freed
Director of Project Analysis

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September 23, 1994

Assoc. Dean Martin Begun
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Dear Marty:

I received today the notice of your resignation as chairman of the Community Services Board of the NYC Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation & Alcoholism Services.

I want to express our deep appreciation for your many years of devoted service and leadership in the mental health field. I hope you will remain active and involved. Your voice has been important and influential and your day-to-day participation will be missed.

I hope our paths continue to cross and on behalf of Riverdale Mental Health Association wish you well in all your future undertakings.

Sincerely,

Joyce M. Pilsner
Executive Director

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November 11, 1994

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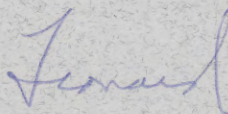
Dear Martin:

Lenore and I congratulate you on your being honored for your 18 years of service as Chairman of The New York City Department of Mental Health and The Community Services Board.

I heard the affair was marvellous and extremely well attended. We are truly sorry that we could not have been there to join you.

We wish you continued good health, good luck and good fortune in all of your activities.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leonard", written in a cursive style.

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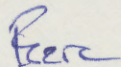
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November 8, 1994

Dear Marty:

Congratulations on the recognition accorded you for 18 years -- chai -- of service as Chairman of the NYC Mental Health Board. You have clearly helped others to choose life.

As ever,



Ezra G. Levin

Mr. Martin S. Begun
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November 28, 1994

*Dean Martin S. Begun
400 East 56th Street
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Dear Marty:

We took off on vacation immediately after the election and thus missed your reception at the Harmonie Club. I'm sure it was well attended and the accolades abundant and deserving.

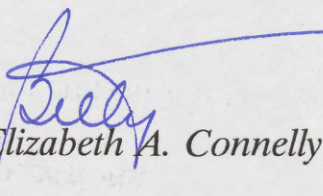
You indeed performed yeoman service as Chair of the Community Services Board. I particularly appreciated your advice and counsel, although you came down hard on me on a few occasions.

But together we made history. The current climate in City Hall concerns me terribly because I fear everything we worked so hard to accomplish will be undone. I hope not!

In any event, you are an extremely talented, energetic person who I know will continue to make great contributions to our City. Bob joins me in wishing you continued success in your future endeavors. Be well, be happy!

Thank you!

Sincerely,


Elizabeth A. Connelly

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For Your Information

Oct 24

Dear Martin,

Hopefully, J B and I
will be away when the
Department has its party
in your honor.

Otherwise, I think even
HE would have come -

Have a lovely time
love and
gratitude -

Ronnie (our)

I'm sure I don't need
to tell you how wonderful
Laura is - but I will.

She is simply grand. and
we all appreciate her
help and good nature -

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EDWARD I. KOCH
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October 6, 1998

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Dear Marty:

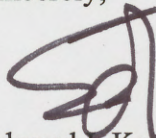
Thanks so much for lunch. I enjoyed our talk, and I wish you great success in your new political career.

As I mentioned, I think that the most important issue -- now and for a long time to come -- is national, comprehensive health insurance. Another issue is a second chance for young men and women who, because of their criminal records, cannot secure decent jobs and are less likely to marry. Studies show that young men who are married and have families tend to have fewer criminal incidents than their unmarried counterparts. A third issue that concerns everyone is education, but I think you could single out special ed, and make it yours.

I have enclosed my columns on each of the above issues, and I hope that you find them helpful.

All the best.

Sincerely,



Edward I. Koch

Enclosures