

Top aide named at Willowbrook

SPECIAL TO THE ADVANCE

BANGOR, Maine — Harry Eliazarian, superintendent of Bangor State Hospital, announced yesterday that he will accept the job as deputy director for administration at Willowbrook State School on Staten Island.

Eliazarian has been superintendent of the Bangor hospital for the past two years, during which time he reduced the patient population from 957 to its present 633.

William F. Kearns Jr., state mental health and corrections commissioner, accepted the resignation with "deep regret."

"Since his arrival at Bangor State Hospital," Kearns stated, "he has instituted badly needed reforms and reorganization plans which will be a guide for the future, despite existing shortages of personnel, equipment, funds and programs."

Recently, Dr. Jack Hammond gave up his position as director of Willowbrook to accept the same position at the smaller Rome State School. Dr. Miorag Ristic has been named acting director of Willowbrook.

Eliazarian was not available for comment after the announcement and was said to be in New York conferring with officials at the school.