Parents to protest Willowbrook shift

Parents from the Willowbrook Benevolent Society will' stage a demonstration tomorrow in front of Gov. Carey's Manhattan office to protest the appointment of Dr. Levester Cannon as Willowbrook's new director.

The parents, according to Mrs. Genevieve Camen, are objecting to Cannon's appointment because there was no "consumer participation" in the selection process.

Mrs. Camen' says the parents' group "cannot and will not" accept the appointment of Cannon, who is a former deputy regional commissioner for the state Department of Mental Hygiene.

The Benevolent Society says it is seeking a meeting with Mental Hygiene Commissioner Lawrence Kolb "to discuss serious issues;" the establishment of a search committee to select a new director; consumer participation "on all

other matters relating to Willowbrook," and an "overhaul of the (center's) present hiring practices."

The demonstration is slated for 11 a.m. at 1350 Avenue of the Americas.