

# Cuomo nominates 3 to head state units

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Prospective heads of the state Office of Mental Health, the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities and the Division of Probation have been nominated by the governor.

Gov. Mario Cuomo said yesterday he would like Steven Katz to become commissioner of OMH, Arthur Webb to become commissioner of OMRDD and Edmund Wutzer to remain on as director of the probation bureau.

All three nominations must be confirmed by the Republican-controlled state Senate.

"The mental health community will be well served by the nominations of Dr. Katz and Mr. Webb," the governor said. "They are acknowledged by their peers as having outstanding qualifications for the positions."

The governor said both the mental health nominees have "substantive" expertise in the field and have "demonstrated administrative abilities."

Katz, 45, is a practicing psychiatrist and director of the Department of Psychiatry at Bellevue Hospital. He is also an instructor in psychiatry at New York University and Columbia University.

Katz is a graduate of Cornell University and Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia. He lives in Manhattan.

William Morris has been acting commissioner of OMH since Cuomo took office in January.

The Office of Mental Health is in charge of 22,500 patients at 23

adult, six children and two psychiatric research state hospitals.

Webb, 39, is currently executive deputy commissioner of the state Department of Social Services after serving for the final six months of 1982 as acting head of that department. He also has experience in the state Department of Correctional Services, the state Health Planning Commission and the state Budget Division.

Webb, a Glenmont resident, attended NYU. He would replace Zygmund Slezak in the commissioner's post. OMRDD operates 20 developmental centers and a research facility and is responsible for more than 11,500 patients, officials said.

James Introne, a former OMRDD commissioner himself, headed a 10-member panel of mental health experts that advised Cuomo on his selections.