

Vincent Bonadies, MS, CTRS is a resident of Pearl River, New York. Vincent possesses a BS in Recreation and Leisure Studies with an emphasis in Therapeutic Recreation from Montclair State University and a MS degree in Recreation and Leisure Services with a concentration in Therapeutic Recreation from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Vincent's professional role has included work as a practitioner for 29 years in mental health and long term care. He has also served as an adjunct professor for the past 14 years. Vincent is currently employed at Rivington House Health Care Facility as the Director of Recreation Therapy, Creative Arts Therapy and Volunteer Services. He manages and directs a recreation therapy, creative arts therapy and volunteer department in a 206 bed long term care facility for individuals with AIDS. Vincent provides clinical supervision to professionals of varied disciplines, supervises therapeutic recreation students and volunteers, and ensures compliance with regulatory requirements. Vincent's other responsibilities include developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating a discipline specific performance improvement program and serves on facility-wide committees.

***Candidate's Statement:** "My name is Vincent Bonadies and I have been in the therapeutic recreation profession for almost 30 years. My professional journey in TR has given me a wide range of experiences and perspective in our profession. After receiving my Master's Degree in Therapeutic Recreation from Fairleigh Dickinson University, I worked in a variety of settings from acute care to long-term care and providing TR services for people with AIDS, geriatric, mental/behavioral health and substance abuse. In many of the settings I worked as a practitioner as well as a manager of TR services. Throughout my years of service in TR, I have served on several TR professional organizations such as the New York State Therapeutic Recreation Association Executive Board, President of the Mid-East Symposium on TR Board of Directors, National Therapeutic Recreation Society State Representative Advisory Council, NCTRC Standards Review Committee and Co-chair of the New York State Recreational Therapy Licensure Committee. I am committed to the advancement of the profession of therapeutic recreation and looking forward to utilizing my skills, knowledge and experiences so that we, as a profession, can continue to provide the highest level of services for our consumers. I strongly believe in the mission of NCTRC and if elected to the Board, I promise to do my best in promoting the TR profession by protecting the consumer, developing the standards for certification and monitoring the activities of NCTRC."*