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## Senators Bonacic and Hannon Meet WITH Leadership Team From Center for Discovery

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**(Middletown, NY)**-Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I-Mt. Hope) and Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health Senator Kemp Hannon, met yesterday with members of the leadership team from the Center for Discovery at their office in Sullivan County. The Center for Discovery provides educational and health services to children and adults with severe disabilities, medical frailties and autism spectrum disorders.

The Center for Discovery is seeking to be a participant in the Young Adult Demonstration Project for individuals (ages 21-35). The program was created and funded in the amount of \$1 million in the 2015-16 budget. The program would serve severely disabled young adults who

are very medical fragile; individuals who have very significant health care needs resulting from complex and co-occurring medical conditions and developmental disabilities. Chairman Hannon was on hand to receive a firsthand look at how the Center for Discovery operates, and hear from President Patrick Dollard and Assistant Executive Director Dr. Terry Hamlin on the Center's innovative approach to treating individuals with autism, and developmental disabilities.

Pictured from L-R, Claude D'Alessandro, Chief Financial Officer at the Center for Discovery, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Senator Kemp Hannon, Dr. Terry Hamlin, Assistant Executive Director at the Center for Discovery, Patrick Dollard, President and Chief Executive Officer at the Center for Discovery, and Senator Bonacic.

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