

## Capital Region RPC Board

### Community Based Organizations:

- Catholic Charities Disabilities Services: Rowena Smith, MSCJ, Associate Executive Director – Located in Albany, NY. Catholic Charities Disabilities Services, a not-for-profit agency of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, provides service coordination, HCBS services, family support services, environmental modifications, and self-directed supports to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injury.
  - *Counties Served*: Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Warren, Washington, Fulton, Montgomery, Schoharie, Columbia, Greene
- Hope House, Inc.: Kevin Connally, Executive Director – Located in Albany, NY. Hope House, Inc. is a substance abuse provider and operates five (5) programs all licensed by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (NYS OASAS). Hope House is designated to provide Adult Behavioral Health Home and Community Based Services (BH-HCBS) and is also designated as a Health and Recovery Plan (HARP) provider.
  - *Counties Served*: all counties
- Northern Rivers: Bill Gettman, CEO – Located in Albany, NY. Northern Rivers Family Services is a human services organization that serves 14,000 children and families throughout the Capital District through a number of licensed and credentialed educational, child welfare, behavioral health, foster care, and community based services programs.
  - *Counties Served*: 26 Counties including Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Saratoga, Columbia, Greene
- Rehabilitation Support Services: John Paduano, Managing Director – Located in Albany, NY. RSS operates over 450 beds in the capital district for individuals with mental illness ranging from 24 hr 7 day a week coverage in Community Residences to Supported Housing, along with a Clinic, PROS and vocational services.
  - *Counties Served*: Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer
- St. Catherine's Center for Children: Frank Pindiak, Executive Director – Located in Albany, NY. St. Catherine's Center for Children operates 6 Community Based Services programs, 2 Residential Programs (girls and boys 5-13), Therapeutic Foster Care (children new born – 18), Special Education/Day Treatment Program (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade), 6 Homeless and Housing Programs, Diagnostic Assessments and Evaluation Service (inpatient or outpatient), Sexual Trauma Assessment and Evaluation Service (inpatient or outpatient), and Assessment of Juvenile Sexual Risk.
  - *Counties Served*: Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Columbia, Greene, Saratoga, Oswego, Sullivan, Ulster, Essex, Fulton, Montgomery, Warren, Washington, St. Lawrence, plus
- Unity House of Troy, Inc.: Linda Lewis, Service Director – Located in Troy, NY. Unity House is a congregate care housing provider offering community residence and apartment treatment. We also offer supportive housing for people living with SPMI, substance abuse, HIV/aids. We are an HCBS provider, have health home care coordination and a non-clinic PROS.
  - *Counties Served*: Rensselaer/HIV/AIDS Program, Health Home, and HCBS Services may serve other counties in the Capital District

### Hospitals and Health Systems:

- Albany Medical Center: Brendon Smith, MA, Ph.D., Behavioral Health Clinical Director of the AMCH PPS – Located in Albany, NY. Albany Medical Center is northeastern New York's only academic health sciences center which offers the widest range of medical and surgical services in the region, trains the next generation of

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doctors, scientists and other healthcare professionals, and has one of the longest operating inpatient behavioral health units in the country

- *Counties Served:* Albany, Saratoga, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Greene, Columbia, Schoharie, Montgomery, Fulton, Warren, Washington, Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Hamilton, Herkimer, Oneida, Otsego, Delaware, Sullivan, Ulster, Orange, Dutchess, Berkshire, Bennington

- CHHUNY: Nicole Bryl, COO – Located in Liverpool, NY. The Children’s Health Homes of Upstate New York, LLC (CHHUNY) is a newly formed entity established to plan for and operate as a Health Home for Children. CHHUNY is using a model of care management based upon the belief that every family has strengths and that families are the natural and most effective drivers of their care. This model also ensures that families have “voice and choice,” at every stage in the care management process.

CHHUNY was founded and is guided today by several leading children’s health and human services agencies and now includes a network of more than 100 child and family agencies across 54 of 61 counties in New York State. To assure that the CHHUNY is meeting the unique needs of the children, families, care management agencies and network partners; CHHUNY has created a unique management structure to gain the economies of scale from using one infrastructure across a large geographic region while assuring the voice of child serving service providers.

- *Counties Served:* 54 counties including the entire Capital Region

- Columbia Memorial Health: Brian Stewart, Director of Inpatient Psychiatric Services – Located in Hudson, NY. Columbia Memorial Health consists of an Article 28 community hospital and 38 primary and specialty care centers serving Columbia and Greene counties.
  - *Counties Served:* Columbia, Greene
- Four Winds Saratoga: Samuel Bastien IV, Ph.D., CEO – Located in Saratoga, NY. Four Winds Saratoga provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient mental health treatment services for children, adolescents and adults.
  - *Counties Served:* Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Hamilton, Warren, Washington, Albany, Schenectady, Saratoga, Rensselaer, Greene, Columbia, Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Delaware, Dutchess, Fulton, Greene, Herkimer, Jefferson, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Otsego, Schoharie, St. Lawrence and Ulster
- Samaritan Hospital: Rachel Handler, Executive Director – Located in Troy, NY. Samaritan Hospital offers a comprehensive behavioral health service line including inpatient psychiatry (with geriatric and co-occurring disorder specialty units in addition to adult mental health), inpatient substance abuse rehab, outpatient clinic, PROS, Health Home, Psychiatric emergency services, Consult/liaison service as well as EAP, Healthy Families and Sexual Assault and Crime Victims Assistance Programs.
  - *Counties Served:* Rensselaer, Albany
- Whitney Young: David Shippee, President & Chief Executive Officer – Headquartered in Albany, NY. Whitney Young Health provides consistent, quality medical, dental and behavioral health services without regard to a patient’s income. Services include primary medical care, general dentistry, women’s health and obstetrics, HIV/AIDS and Hep C treatment and medical case management, substance use disorder services, immigration and refugee medicine, diabetic management, ophthalmology/optometry, podiatry and mental health services.
  - *Counties Served:* Albany, Rensselaer

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**Peer/Family/Youth Advocates:**

- Amanda Pierro, Director of Peer Services, located in Columbia County
  - As a community leader I am highly vested in the transformation of the Medicaid system. My many life experiences and strong community connections allow me a unique perspective to relay individual level experiences to the Board.
- Eushabell Rodriguez, Chapter Lead (Hudson), located in Columbia County.
  - To be a voice for those who cannot or will not use theirs, to empower people (especially the youth as the youth are our future) and to use my experiences and passion as an additional layer of mortar needed to strengthen the foundation in which we stand upon in the recovery movement.
- Katie Conroy, Family Peer Advocate, located in Greene County
  - I have three children I advocate for every day - I would like to serve on the board to represent the families I work with who may otherwise never have a voice.
- Lyndsi Wickert, Youth Transition Coordinator, located in Schenectady County.
  - I am interested in serving on the RPC board so that I can help make the youth voice and perspective heard when it comes to healthcare in the Capital Region.
- Marianne Briggs, Program Manager – Peer, located in Rensselaer County
  - I want to serve on the Capital Region RPC Board representing the Peer/Family/Youth Advocate Committee as a Peer Advocate because as someone who has a lifetime of personal experience dealing with mental health issues and who now works to support people in finding their best options to live their lives to the fullest, I want to make sure that the voices of everyone living with mental health issues are heard and respected when policy recommendations are being made.
- Ruth Fennelly, a Family Peer Advocate, located in Rensselaer County
  - I want to bring the family perspective to the board. Families who have children with social emotional and behavioral challenges are often overwhelmed with day to day stressors and can't always be available to share their experiences and concerns. I would hope that I could bring their hopes and concerns to this planning consortium.

**Managed Care Organizations/HARP:**

- Beacon Health Options: Renee' Abdou-Malta, Regional Vice President Upstate NY- Beacon Health Options (Beacon) combines two of the country's most prominent behavioral health companies – Beacon Health Strategies and ValueOptions. Together we serve more than 50 million people across all 50 states and the United Kingdom.

ABOUT BEACON HEALTH OPTIONS

- Headquartered in Boston; more than 70 US locations and a London office
- 5,000 employees nationally and in the UK serving more than 50 million people
- 200 employer clients, including 41 Fortune 500 companies, as well as large and medium employers
- Partnerships with 100 health plans serving commercial, FEP, Medicaid, Medicare, and Exchange populations
- Programs serving Medicaid recipients and other public sector populations in 26 states and the District of Columbia
- Services for 8.5 million military personnel, their family members, veterans and federal employees

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-Leader serving dual-eligible beneficiaries in six states

-Accreditation by both URAC and NCQA

- *Counties Served:* Nationally recognized company – all of New York

- CDPHP: Carl Rorie Alexandrov, Director Behavioral Health Operations - Capital District Physicians' Health Plan, Inc. (CDPHP®) is an award-winning, not-for-profit health plan serving more than 400,000 members in 24 counties. At CDPHP, we take our responsibility to support and promote the health, vibrancy, and quality of life in the communities we serve seriously. We understand that the economic vitality of our region depends on the strength of its businesses. That's why we're working to provide businesses with innovative products and services that will lead to better health, better care, and lower costs.

- *Counties Served:*

- Medicaid, Medicare and Commercial:

- Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Washington, Schoharie, Columbia, Greene, Tioga, Broome, Fulton, Montgomery

- Medicare and Commercial only

- Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, Sullivan, Warren, Hamilton, Herkimer, Oneida, Delaware, Madison, Chenango, Otsego

- Community Care Behavioral Health Organization: Kelly Lauletta, LCSW, NY Regional Director - Community Care Behavioral Health Organization was incorporated in 1996 and has been managing the delivery of behavioral health services in the Northeastern part of the United States since 1999. Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of the community through the delivery of effective, cost-efficient, and accessible behavioral health services. Community Care believes that recovery from mental illness and/or addictive disease is possible. Recovery involves changing one's attitudes, taking on new roles, developing new skills, and sustaining hope. Community Care's work in New York began in 2009 as the principal collaborators on the NYS Care Monitoring Initiative, followed by serving as the Phase I BHO for the Hudson River Region. In 2016, Community Care partnered with the Capital District Physician's Health Plan to provide community based care management solutions to HARP members in:

- Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Washington, Schoharie, Columbia, Greene, Tioga, Broome, Fulton, and Montgomery counties.

- Fidelis: Jon Anderson, HARP Supervisor Albany Region - Fidelis Care provides quality, affordable, New York State-sponsored health insurance coverage for people of all ages and at all stages of life. Today, through a Statewide network of more than 67,000 providers, we serve more than 1.5 million children and adults, making Fidelis Care one of the largest government programs-based health insurance plans in New York State. In fact, one in 13 New York State residents is a Fidelis Care member.

We are deeply connected to the communities we serve, working with healthcare providers, educators, religious leaders, nonprofit organizations, and other community leaders to ensure people can access the healthcare they need and deserve.

At Fidelis Care, we strive to:

-Promote health through quality, accessible care and services for all;

-Join in partnership with health professionals to assist them in their healing work;

-Act as a facilitator to build linkages and systems for the coordination of care and services among healthcare, behavioral and social services, as well as educators and religious leaders, to address the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of those we serve;

-Advocate for a health policy that accords true dignity and respect for all human persons, especially the poor and underserved.

- *Counties Served:* All counties

- **MVP HealthCare**: Angela Vidile, Director, Medicaid Services and Supports - MVP is a nationally recognized, regional not-for-profit health plan, committed to having a positive impact on the health and wellness of our members. MVP offers the Harmonious Health Care Plan, a health benefit plan offered through the New York State Health and Recovery Plan program (HARP). The Harmonious Health Care Plan provides traditional Medicaid benefits through MVP's participating provider network, as well as a broad range of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS).
  - *Counties Served*: Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Genesee, Greene, Jefferson, Lewis, Livingston, Monroe, Oneida, Ontario, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Sullivan, Rockland, Ulster, Warren, Washington, Westchester
  
- **UnitedHealthcare**: Jennifer L. Earl, MA, LMHC, Government Liaison, United Healthcare Community Plan- The role of the Government Liaison is to be an ambassador between the Plan and government entities, providers, and other partners. It is the mission of UnitedHealthcare to help people lead healthier lives. UnitedHealthcare offers a large portfolio of products to help meet a variety of needs for individuals and families.

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan offers health care coverage for beneficiaries of Medicaid and offers access to high-quality care to improve members' health and help them live more independently. The Wellness4Me plan is UnitedHealthcare's Health and Recovery Plan (HARP) approved by New York State. United Healthcare has members in 42 counties throughout New York State and continues to expand.

  - *Counties Served*: Albany, Bronx, Broome, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Clinton, Columbia, Dutchess, Erie, Fulton, Genesee, Greene, Herkimer, Jefferson, Kings, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Monroe, Nassau, New York, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orange, Oswego, Queens, Rensselaer, Richmond, Rockland, Seneca, St. Lawrence, Suffolk, Tioga, Ulster, Warren, Wayne, Westchester and Wyoming.
  
- **Wellcare** – Elliot Shaw, Vice President of Government Affairs – WellCare Health Plans Inc: Led by Ken Burdick, CEO Serves 3.8 million members nationwide; 238,000 members in New York State.

John J. Burke, President, WellCare of New York. WellCare Health Plans coordinates health care services for people eligible for government-sponsored coverage, such as Medicaid, Medicare Advantage and Medicare Prescription Drug Plans. Additionally, 13 of 62 counties in the state are served by our Managed Long Term Care plans. WellCare's focus is on people who really need help: low-income, elderly, young and indigent, disabled, people with complex medical issues, medically underserved populations and the communities in which they live. Our goal is to help members lead better, healthier lives. WellCare Health Plans of New York serves dual-eligible members, NY Child Health Plus program members, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) members, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) members and Essential Plan members.

  - *Counties Served*: Albany, Bronx, Dutchess, Kings, New York (Manhattan), Orange, Queens, Rensselaer, Rockland, Ulster, Jefferson, Oneida, Erie, Niagara Schuyler, Schenectady, Monroe, Onondaga, Broome, Richmond, Westchester, Saratoga, Steuben, Nassau (Long Island)

**Key Partners:**

- **Alliance for Better Healthcare**: Mandy Senko, Behavioral Health Director - Located in Albany, NY. AFBHC is a PPS administering the DSRIP program serving 120,000 Medicaid beneficiaries in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Fulton and Montgomery Counties. Our mission is to promote Population Health by assisting the local health care community to transform health service delivery to meet the goals of the Triple Aim: better health, better cost, better access.
  - *Counties Served*: Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Fulton, Montgomery

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- Healthy Capital District Initiative: Kevin Jobin-Davis, Executive Director – Located in Albany, NY. The Healthy Capital District Initiative is the regional Population Health Improvement Program supporting the advancement of NYSDOH initiatives with health data, evidence-based practices and stakeholder engagement.
  - *Counties Served*: Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Saratoga, Columbia, Greene
  
- Saratoga County Public Health: Cathi Duncan, Director and Early Intervention Official – Located in Saratoga Springs, NY. Saratoga County Public Health outreaches to at-risk population, develops and sustains active coalition work, organizes emergency planning, conducts needs assessments and develops action plans, provides vaccines, screening and home visiting services.
  - *Counties Served*: Saratoga