



Capital Region RPC Board Members

RPC Co-Chair: Katherine Alonge-Coons, LCSW-R, Commissioner, Rensselaer County Department of Mental Health

RPC Coordinator: Alexis Harrington, MSW

Community Based Providers:

Mental Health: John Paduano, Managing Director – RSS

Substance Use: Kevin Connally, Executive Director – Hope House

HCBS Provider: Rowena Smith, MSCJ, Associate Executive Director – Catholic Charities Disabilities Services

Housing: Linda Lewis, Service Director – Unity House

Children/Family Provider: Bill Gettman, CEO – Northern Rivers

Write In: Frank Pinidiak, Executive Director – St. Catherine's Center for Children

Director of Community Services:

Albany County: Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.

Columbia County: Michael Cole, LCSW

Greene County: Maggie Graham, RN, MSN

Rensselaer County: Katherine Alonge-Coons, LCSW-R

Saratoga County: Michael Prezioso, PhD

Schenectady County: Darin Samaha, LMSW

Key Partners:

Healthy Capital District Initiative – Kevin Jobin-Davis, Ph.D., Executive Director

Alliance for Better Healthcare – Mandy Senko, Behavioral Health Director

Saratoga County Public Health – Cathi Duncan, Director and Early Intervention Official

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State Government Reps:

OASAS Field Office: Cher Montanye, Program Manager

OMH Field Office: Victoria DeSimone, Field Office Coordinator of Managed Care

OMH Field Office: Bill Porter, Field Office Director – HRFO

OCFS: Rick Jobin, Bridges to Health-Quality Management Specialist

Hospitals and Health System Providers:

Hospital: Brian Stewart, Director of Psych Services – Columbia Memorial Hospital

Hospital: Samuel Bastien IV, Ph.D., CEO – Four Winds Saratoga

Hospital: Brendon Smith, MA, Ph.D., Behavioral Health Clinical Director of the AMCH PPS – Albany Medical Center Hospital

FQHC/PCP: David Shippee, President & Chief Executive Officer – Whitney Young Health

Health System Provider: Rachel Handler, Executive Director – Samaritan Hospital

Health Home Lead: Nicole Bryl, COO – CHHUNY

Peer/Family/Youth Advocates:

Family Rep – Ruth Fennelly, Rensselaer County

Family Rep – Katie Conroy, Greene County

Peer Rep – Marianne Briggs, Rensselaer County

Peer Rep – Amanda Pierro, Columbia County

Youth Advocate – Eushabell Rodriquez, Columbia County

Youth Advocate – Lyndsi Wickert, Schenectady County

MCO/HARP:

CDPHP – Carl Rorie Alexandrov, Director Behavioral Health Operations

MVP – Angela Vidile, Director, Medicaid Services and Supports

Fidelis – Jon Anderson, HARP Supervisor Albany Region

United HealthCare – Jennifer Earl, M.A., LMHC, Government Liaison

Wellcare – Elliot Shaw, Vice President of Government Affairs

Community Care Behavioral Health Organization – Kelly Lauletta, LCSW, NY Regional Director