



Capital Region RPC Board Members

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

RPC Co-Chair: Amanda Pierro, Peer Representative

RPC Coordinator: Colleen Russo

Community Based Providers:

Mental Health: John Paduano, Managing Director – RSS

Substance Use: Kevin Connally, Executive Director – Hope House

HCBS Provider: Paula Jubic, Associate Executive Director for Clinical Programs – Catholic Charities Disabilities Services

Housing: Linda Lewis, Service Director – Unity House

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

Children/Family Provider: Frank Pindiak, Executive Director – St. Catherine’s Center for Children

Director of Community Services:

Albany County: Stephen Giordano, Ph.D.

Columbia County: Daniel Almasi, Acting DCS

Greene County: Jason Fredenberg, PsyD

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 – Patrick Magee, Performance Consultant

Care Design New York – Mandy Senko, Assistant Vice President of Provider Relations

Hixny – John Bunnell, Director of Account Operations

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State Government Reps:

OASAS Field Office: Melany Bradshaw, Program Manager, Upper Hudson Regional Office

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

OCFS: Rick Jobin, Bridges to Health-Quality Management

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

Health System Provider: Rachel Handler, Executive Director – St. Peter’s Health Partners (Samaritan Hospital)

Health Home Lead: Nicole Bryl, COO – CHHUNY

Health Home Lead: Cady Herman, Health Home Regional Manager- Hudson River Healthcare

Peer/Family/Youth Advocates:

Family Rep – Ruth Fennelly

Family Rep – Katie Conroy

Peer Rep – Todd French

Peer Rep – Amanda Pierro

Youth Advocate – Lori Teaney

Youth Advocate – Lindsay Falkner

MCO/HARP:

CDPHP – Carl Rorie Alexandrov, Director Behavioral Health Operations

MVP – Angela Vidile, Director, Medicaid Services and Supports

Fidelis – Ivette Morales, Behavioral Health Clinical Liason

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

Beacon Health Options – Renee Abdou-Malta, President- New York

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