



North Country RPC Board Members

RPC Co-Chair: Rob York, LCSW-R, MPA, Director of Community Services, Warren/Washington County

RPC Co-Chair: Beth Lawyer, Director of Behavioral Health Services, Citizen Advocates, Inc.

RPC Coordinator: Peter Griffiths

Community Based Providers:

Mental Health – Beth Lawyer, Director of Behavioral Health Services, Citizen Advocates, Inc.

Substance Use – Robert Ross, CEO/President – St. Joseph’s Addiction Treatment and Recovery Center

HCBS Provider – Valerie Ainsworth, Executive Director, MHA of Essex County

Housing – Sally Walrath, Executive Director – Lakeside House

Children/Family Provider – JoAnne Caswell, Executive Director – Families First

Write In – Andrea Deepe, CEO – Warren Washington Association for Mental Health, Inc.

Director of Community Services:

Suzanne Lavigne, MHA, CTRS, CASAC – Franklin County

Richelle Gregory – Clinton County

Rob York, LCSW-R, MPA – Warren/Washington County

Bob Kleppang, LMSW, ACSW – Hamilton County

Steve Valley, LCSW, MSW – Essex County

Key Partners:

PPS/PHIP – Thomas Tallon, Program Manager – Adirondack Health Institute

Other – Barry Brogan, Executive Director – North Country Behavioral Healthcare Network

Other – Reggie McDonald, Director of Special Education – Champlain Valley Educational Services

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State Government Reps:

Joseph Simko, Program Specialist, Managed Care Team – OMH Field Office

Susan Frohlich, LMSW, CASAC, Program Manager, Northeastern Field Office – OASAS Field Office

Doug Sitterly, Bureau of Waiver Management, OCFS

Hospitals and Health System Providers:

Hospital – Linda McClarigan, CNO – Adirondack Health

Hospital – Meredith King, Director of Outpatient Services – UVHN: Elizabethtown Community Hospital

Hospital – Rosemary Reif, AVP Operations – UVHN: CVPH

FQHC – Jessica Fraser, Director of Care Management – Hudson Headwaters Health Network

FQHC – Christine Venerly, Mental Health Director – Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Health Services

Health Home Lead – Michael Lawler, Board Member – Encompass Health Home

Peer/Family/Youth Advocates:

Family Rep – Mariane Simas, Warren County

Family Rep – Anne Griffin, Essex County

Peer Rep – Steve Miccio, Warren County

Peer Rep – Shelley Shutler, Franklin County

Youth Advocate – Brennan Williams, Rensselaer County

Youth Advocate – Board Seat Open

MCO/HARP:

CDPHP – Carl Rorie Alexandrov, Director Behavioral Health Operations

MVP Health Care – Elizabeth Fallone-Torhan, Senior Program Coordinator

Fidelis – Jody Leaven, NC Marketing Supervisor

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