



Western Region RPC Board Members

RPC Co-Chair: Mark O'Brien, DCS, Orleans County

RPC Co-Chair: Andy O'Brien, Director of CD/Outpatient Mental Health Services, UPMC Chautauqua/WCA

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Mental Health: Howard Hitzel, President, Lake-Shore Behavioral Health

Substance Abuse: Anne Constantino, CEO, Horizon Health Services

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Key Partners:

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Andrew Dearing, Program Manager, WNY Homeless Alliance

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State Government Reps:

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Dana Brown, NYS Office of Children and Families Services

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Bruce Nisbet, President, Health Home Partners of Western New York, LLC

Sharon Bauer, Stakeholder Relations Director, Health Homes of Upstate New York

Vicki Landes, VP for Community Care Coordination & Services, Niagara Falls Memorial Center

Andrew O'Brien, Director of CD/Outpatient Mental Health Services, UPMC Chautauqua/WCA

Peer/Family/Youth Advocates:

Family Rep – Susan Gagne

Family Rep – Vicki McCarthy

Peer Rep – Kristen Vincent

Peer Rep – Michelle Scheib

Youth Advocate – Annika Thomas

Youth Advocate – Julie Vincent

MCO/HARP/BHO:

Kristin Kight, Beacon Health Options

Colleen Klintworth, Government & Community Affairs Manager, Excellus

Andrea Hurley-Lynch, Fidelis

Melanie Washington, Health Now

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