

## **Michael F. Hogan Ph.D.**

Principal, Hogan Health Solutions LLC

Dr. Michael Hogan served as New York State Commissioner of Mental Health from 2007-2012, and now operates a consulting practice in health and behavioral health care. The NYS Office of Mental Health operated 23 accredited psychiatric hospitals, and oversaw New York's \$5B public mental health system serving 650,000 individuals annually. Previously Dr. Hogan served as Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health (1991-2007) and Commissioner of the Connecticut DMH from 1987-1991. He chaired the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health in 2002-2003. He was appointed as the first behavioral health representative on the board of The Joint Commission in 2007, and as a member of the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention in 2010. He served (1994-1998) on NIMH's National Advisory Mental Health Council, as President of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (2003-2005) and as Board President of NASMHPD's Research Institute (1989-2000). His awards for national leadership include recognition by the National Governor's Association, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Campaign for Mental Health Reform, the American College of Mental Health Administration and the American Psychiatric Association. He is a graduate of Cornell University, and earned a MS degree from the State University College in Brockport NY, and a Ph.D. from Syracuse University.

## **B. Timothy Walsh, M.D**

Columbia University

New York State Psychiatric Institute

Dr. Walsh is Ruane Professor of Pediatric Psychopharmacology in the Department of Psychiatry at the College of Physicians & Surgeons, Columbia University, and Director of the Division of Clinical Therapeutics at New York State Psychiatric Institute.

Dr. Walsh's research group has examined biological and psychological abnormalities which contribute to the development and perpetuation of disturbances in eating behavior, and investigated both psychological and pharmacological treatments for Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia Nervosa and Binge Eating Disorder. Dr. Walsh was a member of both the DSM-IV and the DSM-5 Task Forces and chaired the Eating Disorders Workgroup for both. He is a past

president of the Academy for Eating Disorders and of the Eating Disorders Research Society.

**Affiliations:**

Psychiatrist, New York State Psychiatric Institute, Office of Mental Health.  
Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University.

Member: American Psychiatric Association, American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Eating Disorders Research Society, Academy for Eating Disorders, American Academy for the Advancement of Science.

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**Barbara A. Dennison, MD, Director**

Health Policy and Research Translation Unit  
Division of Chronic Disease Prevention  
New York State Department of Health

Barbara A. Dennison, M.D., holds a leadership role in the New York State Department of Health, where she serves as the Director of Policy and Research Translation in the Division of Chronic Disease Prevention. Dr. Dennison is responsible for developing policy initiatives and identifying and applying evidence-based and “Best Practice” strategies to prevent and control obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer, and other chronic diseases. Dr. Dennison was part of the team that developed and implemented New York State’s Comprehensive Care Centers for Eating Disorders in 2005; she has provided oversight since then. Dr. Dennison is a board-certified pediatrician with post-doctoral fellowship training in nutrition, preventive cardiology, academic pediatrics and epidemiology. Dr. Dennison is a Clinical Professor of Epidemiology at the School of Public Health, University at Albany.

**Lynn Grefe, President and CEO**

The National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA)

Lynn Grefe's professional career has centered on issues, advocacy and solutions, using communication tools at every level. She has worked for state government in the criminal justice system; the private sector for a variety of corporate and non-profit clients on legislative and policy issues; moved into the non-profit political arena for women's reproductive health issues for eight years; and, in 2003 was

named President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA).

In her current position, Ms. Grefe is charged with growing NEDA to national prominence to address the needs of the 30 million people who suffer from eating disorders and support their families in this country. She travels nationwide and serves as the national spokesperson of NEDA. In this role, she has appeared on every major morning television program, national and local television news programs and been interviewed on radio and in print throughout the country. She has authored 2 chapters in the field of eating disorders “A Collaborative Approach to Eating Disorders,” Edited by June Alexander and Janet Treasure 2012; “Binge Eating Disorder Textbook: BED, A Guide for Clinicians,” Co-editors: June Alexander, Andrea Goldschmidt, Daniel Le Grange, 2013 Publisher: Routledge Mental Health, London, UK); and a published piece for “The Last Word” for Eating Disorders: Eating Disorders and Prevention, entitled Cheesecake Versus Yogurt, Sept. 20, 2011, Routledge Press.

Ms. Grefe is a member of the Academy for Eating Disorders, the National Institute of Mental Health Alliance, and the leader of the NEDA Network of 21 eating disorder not for profits around the nation. She was honored by the Mental Health Foundation of New York in 2011.

## **Dr. Greg Miller, Director**

NYS Office of Mental Health

Dr. Miller has served as the NYS OMH Medical Director for Adult Services since November 2008. Dr. Miller received his M.D. from George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. After an internship at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Dr. Miller completed his residency in psychiatry at New York Hospital/Cornell Medical School. In addition, Dr. Miller holds a bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Tennessee and a Master in Business Administration from The City University of New York, Baruch College. Dr. Miller is Board Certified in Adult Psychiatry and Psychosomatic Medicine by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

## **Ron Bass, Director**

## NYS Department of Health

Mr. Bass is the Director of the Bureau of Policy Development and Coverage within the Division of Program Development and Management, Office of Health Insurance Programs at the New York State Department of Health. Mr. Bass has been with the Department for over 30 years, and is responsible for coverage and payment policy for the full scope of ambulatory care services provided under the Medicaid Program, including physician, dental, clinic, hospital outpatient department, and mental health services. Mr. Bass has had a critical role in the Medicaid Redesign Team initiatives, focusing on Basic Benefit Review and the role of evidence-based medicine in the coverage determination process, as well as program recommendations promoting Medicaid coverage of public health initiatives designed to reduce health disparities in the provision of services to Medicaid enrollees.

## **Evelyn Attia, MD, Director**

Metro Comprehensive Care Center for Eating Disorders  
NYS Psychiatric Institute

Dr. Attia is Director of the Center for Eating Disorders at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, an integrated clinical research program at both Weill Cornell and Columbia University Medical Centers. She is the program director for the New York State Metro Region Comprehensive Care Center for Eating Disorders (CCCED). Dr. Attia is a Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical College and Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons.

An established clinician scientist in the New York area, Dr. Attia has been working with individuals with eating disorders and their families for over 20 years. She currently holds several grants funded by the National Institute for Mental Health, including one that is examining the role of physical activity in anorexia nervosa and another that is comparing olanzapine to placebo in outpatients with anorexia nervosa. Dr. Attia is a member of the eating disorders work-group for DSM-5. She serves on the board of the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA), is a member of the Eating Disorders Research Society and has been elected Fellow of the Academy for Eating Disorders. Dr. Attia has won numerous awards for her work in the field of eating disorders including a Pfizer/Society of Women's Health Research Career Development Award and a Career Development Award from the

National Institute of Mental Health. Dr. Attia has been listed in *New York Magazine*'s "Best Doctors" issue for more than ten years running.

Most recently, prior to coming to the NYS OMH, Dr. Miller served as the Vice President of Medical Affairs at The Brattleboro Retreat in Vermont. Dr. Miller was the Chief Medical Officer for Providence Behavioral Health Hospital in Holyoke Massachusetts. Dr. Miller served as Chair, Department of Psychiatry and Chief Medical Officer of North General Hospital, a Mt. Sinai Medical School affiliate in New York City. Dr. Miller is currently an Associate Clinical Professor at University of Vermont Medical School, and has held faculty appointments at The Mt. Sinai Medical School in New York, The New York University Medical School, Cornell Medical School and Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons.

## **Richard E. Kreipe, MD, FAAP, FSAHM, FAED**

Dr. Kreipe is the Elizabeth R. McAnarney Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics, former Chief of the Adolescent Medicine Fellowship Director and Chief of the Division of Adolescent Medicine at the University of Rochester; and is Board Certified in Pediatrics and in Adolescent Medicine. Dr. Kreipe is a Past-President of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM), and was the Director for the HRSA/MCHB-funded Rochester MCH Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH) interdisciplinary training project from 1997-2012. Dr. Kreipe co-edited the first *Textbook of Adolescent Medicine*, is a co-editor of the *Textbook of Adolescent Health Care*, published by the American Academy of Pediatrics June 2011, and was the 2012 recipient of the SAHM Outstanding Achievement in Adolescent Health Award. Dr. Kreipe is the Principle Investigator at the University of Rochester in the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) Center of Excellence for the Assets Coming Together (ACT) for Youth public health initiative, a statewide, community-based effort to promote positive youth development for the last 12 years. Dr. Kreipe is the founding (1984) Director of the Child and Adolescent Eating Disorder Program at Golisano Children's Hospital, and the founding (2005) Medical Director for the Western New York Comprehensive Care Center for Eating Disorders. Dr. Kreipe is also leads the Evaluation Team for a 5-year randomized cluster design controlled replication of the evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention program called Teen Outreach Program™ in 14 City of Rochester Recreation Centers. This federally funded study is part of a national federal effort to reduce teen pregnancy using

programs with demonstrated effectiveness.

Dr. Kreipe has served on the Board of Directors of the Rochester Single-Parent Project, of the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Board, of Threshold Center for Alternative Youth Services, of the Society for Adolescent Medicine, and chaired the Adolescent Medicine Committee of the American Board of Pediatrics after serving as a Committee member for three years. Dr. Kreipe was appointed to the NYS DOH Tobacco Advisory Committee, and to the Advisory Board for the NYS Children's Cabinet for the entire four years of its existence (disbanded in 2011). Dr. Kreipe chaired the Society for Adolescent Medicine Long-Range Planning initiative and then its 5-year Strategic Plan development, now guiding the organization with specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and time-framed goals and objective. Dr. Kreipe was a member of the Steering Committee of the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau Strategic Planning effort for 2012-2020 and chaired its Innovation Workgroup. Dr. Kreipe is the only pediatrician on the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-5) Eating Disorders Workgroup, which developed evidence-based diagnostic criteria for DSM-5, which will become the gold standard for mental health diagnosis world-wide, due for publication May 2013. Dr. Kreipe is a member of the Volunteer Leadership Team for the federally-funded National Initiative to Improve Adolescent Health, and on the Advisory Committee to the NYS DOH New York Promoting and Advancing Teen Health (NYPATH) effort based at Columbia University. Dr. Kreipe is also the leader of the Western New York Breakfast Coalition, supported by the American Dairy Association/Dairy Council of Western New York, which is committed to improving rates of breakfast consumption on school days in the 15 largest school districts in Western New York, using a variety of strategies.

## **Sharon Alger-Mayer MD**

Associate Professor of Medicine  
Albany Medical College

Sharon Alger-Mayer completed a 3 year fellowship in clinical nutrition at Albany Medical College and an additional year of research fellowship through the NIH/NIDDK in Phoenix Arizona focusing on energy expenditure and appetite regulation.

Dr. Alger-Mayer has been on the faculty at Albany Medical College since 1990 and has an active clinical practice focusing on patients struggling with anorexia

nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge eating disorder and obesity. She saw over 300 new patients in her clinical practice last year. She has numerous peer-reviewed publications on these topics.

Dr. Alger-Mayer is a member of the Academy for Eating Disorders, American Society for Nutrition, American Academy of Family Physicians and the Institute for Functional Medicine. She is a member of the Education Committee and Bariatric Surgery Committee for Academy for Eating Disorders and a member of the Medical Nutrition Council for the American Society of Nutrition.

## **Mary Tantillo, PhD PMHCNS-BC, FAED**

Western New York Comprehensive Care Center for Eating Disorders

Dr. Mary Tantillo is the Director of the Western New York Comprehensive Care Center for Eating Disorders (WNYCCCED). She is also an Associate Professor of Clinical Nursing at the University of Rochester School of Nursing and a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. Dr. Tantillo is a fellow of the Academy for Eating Disorders (AED), as well as a previous board member, present chairperson for the AED Credentialing Task Force and co-chairperson for the Patient/Carer Task Force. She is a certified psychiatric mental health clinical nurse specialist, as well as a certified group psychotherapist and member of the American Group Psychotherapy Association. Dr. Tantillo has worked with patients with eating disorders and their families for over 30 years in a variety of clinical settings. She developed a free-standing, NY State Office of Mental Health-licensed Eating Disorders Partial Hospitalization Program for adults and adolescents (The Healing Connection, LLC), which is an affiliate in the WNYCCCED and located near her private practice in Fairport, NY. Dr. Tantillo has special interests in the areas of women's mental health, family-based treatment, and group treatment, especially Multifamily Therapy Group treatment for eating disorders. Her teaching, research, and publications emphasize the application of Relational/Cultural Theory in the understanding and treatment of eating disorders.

## **Carol Costin, CEO**

Monte Nido Eating Disorder Treatment Center

Ms. Costin is a highly respected and experienced clinician, a dedicated educator and a recognized agent for change in the field of eating disorders prevention, education and treatment. She recovered herself from anorexia and has specialized in the treatment of eating disorders and exercise addiction for more than 30 years. Ms. Costin is the founder and director of The Eating Disorder Center of California, Monte Nido and RainRock Residential Treatment Centers, which attract clients from all over the world. She is an international speaker acclaimed, for her expertise, energy and enthusiasm. Ms. Costin's books, 8 Keys to Recovery from and Eating Disorder, 100 Questions and Answers About Eating Disorders, The Eating Disorder Sourcebook, and Your Dieting Daughter, have helped sufferers and their families, treatment professionals and the public understand, prevent and treat eating disorders.

### **James W. Lytle, Esq.**

Partner, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP

James Lytle is the partner in charge of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips' Albany office and oversees the firm's New York State legislative lobbying and regulatory practice. He represents a broad array of clients before the Legislature, the executive branch, and the courts, both within New York State and beyond, generally regarding issues at the intersection of the public and private sectors for heavily regulated industries. Mr. Lytle's regulatory and legislative work has involved issues relating to insurance regulation, biomedical research, services and programs for persons with disabilities, procurement and government contracting, human services, the regulation of professions, and educational issues.

In the highly regulated modern healthcare environment, Mr. Lytle provides strategic guidance on legislative, regulatory, transactional, and litigation matters, relating to both state and federal healthcare law and policy.

Mr. Lytle served as Assistant Counsel for Health and Human Services to Governor Mario M. Cuomo from 1983-86

### **Paul Macielak, Esq., President and CEO**

Health Plan Association

Paul F. Macielak is president and CEO of the New York Health Plan Association

(HPA), an Albany-based organization that represents 25 managed care health plans across New York State. Collectively, those plans provide comprehensive health care services to nearly seven million New Yorkers.

As the chief executive of HPA, Mr. Macielak is responsible for development of policy positions for the organization, advocacy with the executive and legislative branches of government, and serves as lead spokesperson to the media and the public on issues relating to the managed care industry.

Prior to joining HPA, Mr. Macielak was Vice President and Vice Provost for Government, Community and Public Affairs for the New York Presbyterian Hospital and Weill Medical College of Cornell University. Before that, he served as Counsel to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate (1989-1992) and Chief Counsel to the Assembly Minority Leader (1983-1988).

Mr. Macielak is a gubernatorial appointment to the NYS Immunization Council, Governor's Advisory Task Force on Federal Health Care Reform and is a former member of the New York State Hospital Review and Planning Council (SHRPC). He is also an emeritus member of the Board of Directors of the Island Peer Review Organization (IPRO) and a member of the Board of Directors of the Healthcare Information Xchange of New York (HIXNY).

A graduate of Albany Law School in 1975, Mr. Macielak received his undergraduate degree at the University of Rochester in 1972.

## **Ann E.Z. Griep, M.D.**

Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield

Dr. Griep is the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for Behavioral Health for Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Dr. Griep is a graduate from Michigan State University. Dr. Griep entered the family medicine residency in Marquette Michigan; then went to the University of Rochester to complete her psychiatry residency followed by a neuropsychiatry fellowship. Dr. Griep is board certified in psychiatry by the Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Dr. Griep is a member of the Monroe County Medical Society and the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI). Dr. Griep is a recipient of the Sandoz Award in 1988 for Excellence in Psychopharmacology and received the Christopher Hodgman Award for medical student teaching in 2000. In addition to working at Excellus, Dr. Griep's

professional interests include part time private practice in psychiatry with special expertise in the treatment of Borderline Personality with DBT. At Excellus, Dr Griep exclusively reviews eating disorder requests for higher level services within NY state and across the US for Excellus members and has been doing so since 2005.

**Corporate areas of accountability: Treatment of Eating Disorders, Autism mandate, Treatment of Borderline Personality**

**Amy Wald** is a senior at Hunter college studying psychology. She interns at an HIV research lab and is currently completing her honors thesis. Amy was diagnosed with anorexia in 2007 during her senior year of high school. She sought treatment in many facilities across the country and most recently completed the eating disorders program at the New York Psychiatric Institute in late 2010. Amy speaks about her experiences and journey to recovery with patients still suffering and hopes to do all she can to assist others in accessing effective treatment.

**Michael Ruslander** is a Capital District resident, a Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute graduate, a Program Manager for General Electric Capital and the father of a recovering eating disorder patient. Michael's daughter, Molly, was diagnosed with anorexia in 2006. She received treatment from both the Northeast Comprehensive Care Center at Albany Med as well as the Western NY Comprehensive Care including Galisano's Children Hospital, Unity House and Harmony Place. Today, Molly is a senior at Pace University in Pleasantville and continues her recovery.

Mr. Ruslander is a staunch advocate for the Comprehensive Care Centers and has volunteered numerous times to assist them as a representative able to share a family's viewpoint on eating disorders and recovery. He has appeared in a press conference with Assemblyman Felix Ortiz and has been interviewed by the Albany "The Times-Union" and the Rochester "Democrat and Chronicle". His fondest hope is to one day see eating disorders eradicated but until then will continue his advocacy in order to assist those families requiring the services of the Centers.

**Alyssa Morales** is sixteen years old and resides with her family in Rochester, NY. Alyssa is the daughter of Colonel Antonio L. Morales and Michelle Morales.

Alyssa is the second oldest of four siblings; 3 sisters and one brother. Alyssa attends Aquinas Institute and is a high honor student . Alyssa is very passionate about the health care industry and aspires to be a neonatologist. Her passion has led her to be a summer volunteer at Rochester General Hospital and partake in the Perry Outreach program at the University of Rochester. This program is targeted at mentoring young women interested in the medical field. Currently, she is training to be certified for CERT (Community Emergency Response team) and plans to participate this summer in the National Youth Leadership forum on Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. Alyssa enjoys being with and taking care of children, drawing and sketching, skiing, reading and socializing with friends. Most importantly, she is very committed to educating her community about Eating Disorders. This past summer Alyssa organized and raised over \$700 for the NEDA 2012 walk. Alyssa has spoken to the media, church groups and peers informing them about Eating Disorders. Recently, Alyssa has been nominated to participate in Golisano Children Hospital's fundraiser as a miracle moment. Alyssa will participate in radio interviews and their television telethon to help raise money for the Children's hospital and help gain local awareness about Eating Disorders.

At age 12, Alyssa was diagnosed with Anorexia Nervosa and admitted for her first stay in Golisano Children's Hospital. This began her relationship with the Western NY CCCED. If it were not for this organization, Alyssa would not be here today nor be able to achieve and participate in the previously mentioned achievements.