

**Board of Directors Acronym Decoder Sheet**

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| **ACRONYM** | **TRANSLATION** | **DESCRIPTION** |
| **AHEC** | Area Health Education Center |  The goal of the AHEC program is to improve access to quality, primary healthcare in medically underserved areas through educational activities designed to recruit, train, and retain community-based healthcare personnel where they are most needed. The Catskill Hudson AHEC is the AHEC serving our area. Claire is a member of its Board. |
| **AMC/H** | Albany Medical Center/Hospital | One of several health systems serving the Capital Region. An affiliate of Columbia Memorial Health. |
| **BHNNY** | Better Health Northeast New York |  The name given to the DSRIP project administered by Albany Medical Center, which is the sole project of its type operating in Columbia and Greene Counties |
| **CARTS** | Children and Adults Rural Transportation Service | The non-emergency medical transportation program administered by the Healthcare Consortium |
| **CBO** | Community-Based Organization | An organization that is representative of a community or a significant segment of a community and works to meet community needs. |
| **CCPR** | Columbia County Pathways to Recovery | Grassroots group which grew out of a recognized need for awareness, education, advocacy, and change in regard to the public health crisis of addiction |
| **CMH** | Columbia Memorial Hospital/Health | The health system serving Columbia and Greene Counties, which includes acute, primary and specialty care services.  |
| **CSB** | Community Services Board | As per Mental Hygiene Law, the body that is assembled by and charged with producing a Community Services Plan on an annual basis that considers the needs of three disability groups: those with mental illness, substance use disorder and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities. Each NYS county has a Community Services Board, which is also responsible for overseeing the work of the Local Governmental Unit (LGU) and the Director of Community Services (DCS) |
| **CSP** | Cancer Services Program  | Shorthand for the Integrated Breast, Cervical and Colorectal Cancer Screening Program, a statewide program funded by NYSDOH that was implemented by the Healthcare Consortium in Columbia and Greene Counties for many years. As of 10/1/18, the program will be implemented by St. Peter’s Health Partners. |
| **DHS** | Department of Human Services |  The Columbia County agency It occupies the third floor of the Human Services Building located at 325 Columbia Street in Hudson and is administered by the Director of Community Services, Michael Cole.  |
| **DOH** | Department of Health | Most often used to reference the Columbia County Department of Health, but may also be used to reference the NYS Department of Health, the primary source of contract funding to the Healthcare Consortium and the agency with oversight of all Medicaid services, including transportation   |
| **DSRIP** | Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program | DSRIP´s purpose is to restructure the health care delivery system by reinvesting in the Medicaid program. The DSRIP program will promote community-level collaborations and focus on system reform, with a goal to achieve a 25 percent reduction in avoidable hospital use over five years |
| **DSS** | Department of Social Services |  The Columbia County Department of Social Services, led by Commissioner Bob Gibson. |
| **HANYS** | Healthcare Association of NYS | Works to ensure every New Yorker has access to affordable, high-quality care. Provides leadership, representation, and service to not-for-profit and public hospitals, nursing homes, and other healthcare organizations throughout New York |
| **HARP** | Health and Recovery Plan | Health insurance for adults aged 21 and over who need physical and/or behavioral health services, including extra support for reaching their recovery goals, such as finding a job or living independently |
| **HCBS** | Home and Community Based Services | An array of services for which HARP enrollees may be eligible |
| **HCDI** | Healthy Capital District Initiative | Works to increase access to coverage, provides health planning expertise, and supports health prevention programs across the Capital Region |
| **HCS** | HEALing Communities Study (Helping to End Addiction Long-term) – NIDA program | Investigates how tools for preventing and treating opioid misuse and OUD are most effective at the local level; Consortium has partnered with DOH as employer of record for the HCS Project Manager. |
| **HRSA** | Health Resources and Services Administration | Part of the US Department of Health and Human Services and an occasional funding source |
| **MAS** | Medical Answering Service | A private, for-profit enterprise contracted by NYSDOH A non-emergency Medicaid transportation management company |
| **MCAT** | Mobile Crisis Assessment Team | Provides mental health assessments, referrals, and intervention |
| **MHA** | Mental Health Association  | Shorthand for referring to the Mental Health Association of Columbia and Greene Counties |
| **MHANYS** | Mental Health Association of NY State | MHANYS is a not-for-profit organization that works to end the stigma against mental illness and promotes mental health wellness in New York State. MHANYS achieves this through training, education, advocacy and policy, community-based partnership programming, and by connecting individuals and families to help. |
| **NIDA** | National Institute on Drug Abuse | Organization which advance science on the causes and consequences of drug use and addiction and to apply that knowledge to improve individual and public health. |
| **NYSARH** | NYS Association for Rural Health | Not-for-profit, non-partisan, grassroots membership organization working to preserve and improve health and human services in rural NY State. Claire is a member of the Board and its Executive Committee and Chair of its Governance Committee. |
| **NYSDOH** | NYS Department of Health | The primary source of contract funding to the Healthcare Consortium and the agency with oversight of all Medicaid services, including transportation |
| **NYSOFA** | NYS Office for the Aging | The State agency with oversight for the Area Agencies on Agency, including Columbia County’s Area Agency on Aging, OFA |
| **OASAS** | Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services | The State agency with oversight of treatment clinics like TCRS and prevention programs such as that administered by Catholic Charities |
| **OFA** | Office for the Aging | The Columbia County Area Agency on Agency |
| **OMH** | Office of Mental Health | State agency which operates psychiatric centers across the State, and also regulates, certifies and oversees more than 4,500 programs, which are operated by local governments and nonprofit agencies. These programs include various inpatient and outpatient programs, emergency, community support, residential and family care programs. |
| **PAC** |  Project Advisory Committee | …of the DSRIP project led by AMC  |
| **P.A.S.****It On** | Prevention, Awareness, Solutions |  A group in Greene County, including professionals and community volunteers, which focuses its efforts on addiction prevention, treatment and recovery. |
| **PHIP** | Population Health Improvement Program |  The Healthy Capital District (HCDI) is the PHIP contractor for the region covering Columbia and Greene Counties |
| **PPS** | Performing Provider System | A formal network of contracted healthcare providers and community-based organizations participating in a DSRIP Project  |
| **PROS** | Personal Recovery Oriented Services | Comprehensive Mental Health model that integrates rehabilitation, treatment, and support services for people with serious mental illness. MHA administers. |
| **RFA/P** | Request for Applications/Proposals | Solicits proposals for competitive grant funding |
| **RHN** | Rural Health Network |  A network of health and human service providers in receipt of funding from the RHNDP. There are currently about 30 rural health networks in NYS, of which the Healthcare Consortium is one.  |
| **RHNDP** | Rural Health Network Development Program | The funding stream administered through the State Office of Rural Health (NYSDOH) that funds rural health networks throughout NYS |
| **TCRS** | Twin County Recovery Services | Provides treatment and other services in Columbia and Greene Counties to those affected by addiction  |
| **Triple A** | Area Agency on Aging | The public agencies overseen by NYSOFA and responsible for serving the aged in every county of NYS. In Columbia County, the Triple A is OFA. |
| **VBP** | Value-Based Payment | A general term applying to a variety of payment methodologies for reimbursing providers for services rendered. In VBP, the emphasis is on the value created by the delivery of services rather than the volume of services supplied.  |