



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

2025 JOINT BUDGET HEARING

February 5, 2025 – 9:30 AM

MENTAL HYGIENE

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| 1. New York State Office of Mental Health | Dr. Ann Marie T. Sullivan, M.D.
Commissioner |
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Panel A:

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| 2. New York State Office of Addiction Services and Support | Dr. Chinazo Cunningham
Commissioner |
| 3. New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities | Willow Baer
Acting Commissioner |
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| 4. New York State Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs | Maria Lisi-Murray
Executive Director |
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Panel B:

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| 5. NYS Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors | Courtney David
Executive Director |
| 6. Mental Health Association in NYS - MHANYS | Glenn Liebman
CEO |
| 7. National Alliance on Mental Illness-NYS | Nathan McLaughlin
Executive Director |

Panel C:

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| 8. Retired, Mental Health Advocate | Joseph Tobia
Parent |
| 9. NYS Coalition for Children's Behavioral Health | Kayleigh Zaloga
President & CEO |
| 10. JCCA | Ronald E. Richter
CEO |
| 11. Families Together in New York State | Paige Pierce
CEO |

Panel D:

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| 12. Local 372- NYC Board of Education Employees | Donald Nesbit
Executive Vice President |
| 13. Coalition for Self Direction | Jim Karpe
Parent |
| 14. The Arc New York | Eric Geizer
CEO |
| 15. Self-Advocacy of NYS | Shameka Andrews
Community Outreach
Coordinator |

Panel E:

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| 16. New York Lawyers for the Public Interest | Ruth Lowenkron, Esq.
Director, Disability Justice
Program |
| 17. Alliance for Rights and Recovery | Harvey Rosenthal
CEO |
| 18. Association for Community Living | Doug Cooper
Acting Executive Director |
| 19. Treatment Not Jail Coalition | Tom Culkin
Member and Advocate |

20. New York Disability Advocates

Mike Alvaro
President

21. NY Alliance for Inclusion and Innovation

Michael Seereiter
President/ CEO

Panel F:

22. Friends of Recovery- New York

Dr. Angelia Smith-
Wilson
Executive Director

23. InUnity Alliance

Jihoon Kim
President & CEO

24. Licensed Creative Arts Therapy Advocacy Coalition

Nicole Porter Davis
LCAT