

Record Group 19: Community Mental Health Department

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COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONER (RG19)

Established: 1978

Head of the Department of Community Mental Health.

1978-1988 Eugene Aronowitz

1989-2002 Steven J. Friedman

2003-2007 Jennifer D. Schaffer

2007-2013 Grant E. Mitchell

June 2013-Jan. 2015 Melissa Staats (Acting)¹

Feb. 2015- Dr. Marc Herceg

¹ February 11, 2015, press release announcing Dr. Herceg's appointment, includes thanks given to Dr. Sherlita Amler, County Health Commissioner, for acting as head of Department of Community Mental Health during search for Grant Mitchell's replacement. Reference to Melissa Staats as acting commissioner comes from League of Women Voters' 2014 directory and June 17, 2013 county press release announcing her appointment.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD (RG19)

Established: 1954

Authorized: Article 8-A of Mental Hygiene Law

Abolished: 1979

Succeeded by: Community Services Board

Community Mental Health Board to consist of 9 members: 7 appointed by County Executive; Commissioners of Health and Social Services, ex-officio. First director appointed July, 1 1955.

1955	James H. Wall Sylvester J. Balassi Mrs. John T. Benjamin, Jr. Mrs. Ralph E. Henderson Irving Kern John P. Lambert Raymond Sobel William A. Holla Stanton M. Strawson	Chair ex-officio ex-officio
1956-1958	James H. Wall Sylvester J. Balassi Mrs. John T. Benjamin, Jr. Mrs. Ralph E. Henderson Irving Kern John P. Lambert Raymond Sobel William A. Brumfield Stanton M. Strawson	Chair ex-officio ex-officio
1959	James H. Wall Sylvester J. Balassi Mrs. John T. Benjamin, Jr. Lewis Bloomingdale Mrs. Ralph E. Henderson Irving Kern John P. Lambert William A. Brumfield Stanton M. Strawson	Chair ex-officio ex-officio

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD (RG19)

1960	James H. Wall Sylvester J. Balassi Mrs. John T. Benjamin, Jr. Lewis Bloomingdale Mrs. Ralph E. Henderson John P. Lambert Alexander Singer William A. Brumfield Stanton M. Strawson	Chair ex-officio ex-officio
1961	James H. Wall Sylvester J. Balassi Mrs. John T. Benjamin, Jr. Mrs. Ralph E. Henderson John P. Lambert Alexander Singer William A. Brumfield Stanton M. Strawson	Chair ex-officio ex-officio
1962-1964	James H. Wall Sylvester J. Balassi Mrs. John T. Benjamin, Jr. Gerard Fountain Sheldon G. Gaylin Mrs. Ralph E. Henderson John P. Lambert Alexander Singer William A. Brumfield Louis P. Kurtis	Chair ex-officio ex-officio
1965	James H. Wall Sylvester J. Balassi Mrs. John T. Benjamin, Jr. Gerard Fountain Burton Giges Mrs. Ralph E. Henderson John P. Lambert Alexander Singer William A. Brumfield Louis P. Kurtis Hon. Joseph A. Martin Hon. Rudolf P. Berle Hon. Salvatore H. Migliaccio	Chair Director ex-officio ex-officio ex-officio ex-officio ex-officio

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1966-1967	Gerard Fountain Mrs. John T. Benjamin, Jr. Burton Giges Mrs. Ralph E. Henderson John P. Lambert John McFadden Alexander Singer James H. Wall William A. Brumfield Louis P. Kurtis Hon. Joseph A. Martin Hon. Rudolf P. Berle Hon. Salvatore H. Migliaccio	Director ex-officio ex-officio ex-officio ex-officio ex-officio
1968	Gerard Fountain Mrs. John T. Benjamin, Jr. Burton Giges Mrs. Ralph E. Henderson John P. Lambert John McFadden James H. Wall William A. Brumfield Louis P. Kurtis Hon. Joseph A. Martin Hon. Rudolf P. Berle Hon. Salvatore H. Migliaccio	Director ex-officio ex-officio ex-officio ex-officio ex-officio
1969	Gerard Fountain Burton Giges Mrs. Ralph E. Henderson Azraaam Kazan John McFadden James H. Wall Jack Goldman Louis P. Kurtis Hon. Joseph A. Martin Hon. Rudolf P. Berle Hon. Salvatore H. Migliaccio	Director ex-officio ex-officio ex-officio ex-officio ex-officio
1970	Gerard Fountain Mrs. Anthony V. Cerchiara Richard J. Daronco Burton Giges Azraaam Kazan	Director

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD (RG19)

	John McFadden	
	Mrs. Elsworth Wright	
	Jack Goldman	ex-officio
	Louis P. Kurtis	ex-officio
1971	Gerard Fountain	
	Mrs. Anthony V. Cerchiara	
	Richard J. Daronco	
	Burton Giges	Director
	John McFadden	
	Eugene V. Nininger	
	Thomas G. Stauffer	
	Mrs. Elsworth Wright	
	Jack Goldman	ex-officio
	Louis P. Kurtis	ex-officio
1972	Thomas G. Stauffer	Chair
	Charles T. Helms	
	John McFadden	
	Eugene V. Nininger	
	Mrs. Elsworth Wright	
	Jack Goldman	ex-officio
	Louis P. Kurtis	ex-officio
1973	Thomas G. Stauffer	Chair
	Charles T. Helms	
	Allison Landolt	
	John McFadden	
	Eugene V. Nininger	
	Marvin E. Perkins	Director
	Mrs. Elsworth Wright	
	Jack Goldman	ex-officio
	Louis P. Kurtis	ex-officio
1974	Thomas G. Stauffer	Chair
	Seymour Klebanoff	
	Allison Landolt	
	Eugene V. Nininger	
	Marvin E. Perkins	Director
	Jack Goldman	ex-officio
	Leonard Berman	ex-officio

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD (RG19)

1975	Thomas G. Stauffer Edward Brodsky Seymour Klebanoff Allison Landolt Eugene V. Nininger Marvin E. Perkins Robert S. Sherwood Jack Goldman Leonard Berman	Chair Director
1976	Thomas G. Stauffer Joseph T. Downey Abraham L. Halpern Seymour Klebanoff Allison Landolt Saverio G. Mortati Eugene V. Nininger Marvin E. Perkins Robert S. Sherwood Sioux Nichols Taylor Jack Goldman	Chair Director
1977	Abraham L. Halpern Seymour Klebanoff Jack Goldman Robert S. Sherwood Marvin E. Perkins Saverio G. Mortati Edward Brodsky Sioux Nichols Taylor Joseph T. Downey	Chair
1978	Abraham L. Halpern Edward Brodsky Jack Goldman Seymour Klebanoff Saverio G. Mortati Eugene V. Nininger Robert S. Sherwood Ms. Sioux N. Taylor	Chair Acting Director

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD (RG19)

Established: 1979

Succeeded: Community Mental Health Board

- 1979 15 members for 4-year term: 14 appointed by County Executive with confirmation by County Board plus one appointed by Chair of County Board; Chair appointed by County Executive
- 1981 14 members for 4-year terms not to exceed two consecutive terms; special qualifications: Licensed Physician (1), Licensed Physician for Mentally Disabled (2), Consumers (5), Certified Psychologist (1), Certified Social Worker (1), Voluntary Sector (4), Board of Legislators Liaison (1)

1979-1980	Joseph Cleary Eleanor Bromberg Harry Barrett Helga Bendix Gertrude Bush Aaron Dolinsky Jack Goldman Miriam Jackson Seymour B. Klebanoff Eugene Laughery Eugene V. Nininger Ann Noll Stanley Shear Ted Thomas Esther Mallach	Chair Liaison, Bd. of Legislators
1981	Joseph Cleary Eleanor Bromberg Harry Barrett Herbert Cave Socrates Constantinou Aaron Dolinsky Jack Goldman Enid Handler Miriam Jackson Seymour B. Klebanoff Eugene Laughery Marjorie Phillips Stanley Shear	Chair Vice Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD (RG19)

	Robert Sussman Esther Mallach	Liaison, Bd. of Legislators
1982	Eleanor Bromberg Harry Barrett Herbert Cave Socrates Constantinou John P. Duffell Enid Handler Marjorie Phillips Stanley Shear Robert Sussman Esther Mallach 5 vacancies	Chair Liaison, Bd. of Legislators
1983	Eleanor Bromberg Thomas J. Bamrick, Jr. Herbert Cave Socrates Constantinou John P. Duffell Thomas J. Dufficy Enid Handler Marjorie Phillips Robert Sussman L. M. Tourk Esther Mallach 4 vacancies	Chair Liaison, Bd. of Legislators
1984	Eleanor Bromberg Joseph Cleary Herbert Cave Socrates Constantinou John P. Duffell Enid Handler Marjorie Phillips Robert Sussman L. M. Tourk Esther Mallach 5 vacancies	Chair Liaison, Bd. of Legislators
1985	Eleanor Bromberg Joseph Cleary Nancy Elliott Barbara Geist	Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD (RG19)

	Enid Handler Thomas Hughes Marjorie Phillips Beny J. Primm Robert Sussman Kenneth G. Terkelsen Lester M. Tourk Esther Mallach 1 vacancy	Liaison, Bd. of Legislators
1986	Robert Sussman Helga Bendix Joseph Cleary Nancy Elliott Barbara Geist Enid Handler Thomas Hughes Marjorie Phillips Renee Pollack Beny J. Primm Kenneth G. Terkelsen Lester M. Tourk Esther Mallach 2 vacancies	Chair Liaison, Bd. of Legislators
1987	Robert Sussman Helga Bendix Joseph Cleary James Davis Nancy Elliott Barbara Geist Thomas Hughes Olivia McMillan Barbara Pearson Marjorie Phillips Renee Pollack Beny J. Primm Frederick Raine Kenneth G. Terkelsen Esther Mallach	Chair Liaison, Bd. of Legislators

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD (RG19)

1988	Robert Sussman Helga Bendix Joseph Cleary James Davis Nancy Elliott Barbara Geist Thomas Hughes Olivia McMillan Barbara Pearson Marjorie Phillips Beny J. Primm Frederick Raine Kenneth G. Terkelsen Esther Mallach	Chair Liaison, Bd. of Legislators
1989-1990	Kenneth Terkelsen Helga Bendix Herbert Bengelsdorf Joseph Cleary Nancy Elliott Barbara Geist James Guttridge Thomas Hughes Adrienne Marcus Olivia McMillan Barbara Pearson Beny J. Primm Frederick Raine Esther Mallach 1 vacancy	Chair Liaison, Bd. of Legislators
1991	Thomas Hughes Herbert Bengelsdorf Nancy Elliott Barbara Geist Diane Greble James Guttridge Tibisay Guzman Margarita Isputiew Adrienne Marcus Olivia McMillan Robert S. Olko Barbara Pearson Beny J. Primm	Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD (RG19)

	Frederick Raine Esther Mallach	Liaison, Bd. of Legislators
1992	Thomas Hughes Herbert Bengelsdorf Diane Greble James Guttridge Tibisay Guzman Margarita Isputiew Adrienne Marcus Patrick McGeary Olivia McMillan Robert S. Olko Barbara Pearson Beny J. Primm Frederick Raine Esther Mallach	Chair Liaison, Bd. of Legislators
1993	Sally Severino Herbert Bengelsdorf Diane Greble Tibisay Guzman Margarita Isputiew Sabrina Johnson Adrienne Marcus Olivia McMillan Robert S. Olko Barbara Pearson Frederick Raine John L. Signorelli Joseph Delfino	 Liaison, Bd. of Legislators
1994	Robert S. Olko Herbert Bengelsdorf Charlene T. Dech Tibisay Guzman Margarita Isputiew Sabrina Johnson Mitchell Andrew Levitz Olivia S. McMillan Doris Schwartz-Chepuru Sally Severino John L. Signorelli Harris B. Stratyner	Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD (RG19)

	Janet Sugar Joseph Delfino	Liaison, Bd. of Legislators
1995	Robert S. Olko Herbert Bengelsdorf Charlene T. Dech Tibisay Guzman Margarita Isputiew Sabrina Johnson Mitchell Andrew Levitz Olivia S. McMillan Doris Schwartz-Chepuru Sally Severino John L. Signorelli Harris B. Stratyner Janet Sugar Joseph Delfino	Chair Liaison, Bd. of Legislators
1996	Robert S. Olko Grant E. Mitchell Herbert Bengelsdorf Charlene T. Dech Jacqueline Dixon Tibisay A. Guzman Marguerita Isputiew Sabrina Johnson Olivia McMillan Doris Schwartz John L. Signorelli Harris B. Stratyner Janet Sugar Joseph Delfino 1 vacancy	Chair Liaison, Bd. of Legislators
1997-2002	Robert S. Olko [additional member information not located]	Chair
2003	Robert S. Olko Tibisay Guzman Edward Herman David Hernandez James Holland Thomas Hughes Andrea Kocsis	Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD (RG19)

	Leo Leiderman Alberthia Littlejohn Virginia Susman Ellen Weiner Dennis Whetsel	
2004	Thomas Hughes Tibisay Guzman Dean Harlam Carolyn Hedlund Edward Herman David Hernandez James Holland Andrea Kocsis Leo Leiderman Alberthia Littlejohn Virginia Susman Ellen Weiner Dennis Whetsel	Chair
2005-2006	Andrea Kocsis Tibisay Guzman Dean Harlam Carolyn Hedlund Edward Herman David Hernandez James Holland Leo Leiderman Alberthia Littlejohn Ann Loretan William Magwood Virginia Susman Ellen Weiner Dennis Whetsel	Chair
2007	Andrea Kocsis [additional member information not located]	Chair
2008-2009	Andrea Kocsis Tibisay Guzman Vera Halpenny Dean Harlam Virginia Hawkins Barbara Kapetanakas	Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD (RG19)

Leo Leiderman
Ann Loretan
William Magwood
Demetrius Moyston
Virginia Susman
Dennis Whetsel

2010	Susan B. Wayne Jessica Grimm Vera Halpenny Dean Harlam Virginia Hawkins Barbara Kapetanakas Leo Leiderman Ann Loretan William Magwood Demetrius Moyston Virginia Susman	Chair
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2011-	Susan B. Wayne [additional member information not located]	Chair
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