Morning Agenda

9:00 AM  Welcoming Remarks
Stephen E. Freeman, L.C.S.W.,
Chief Executive Officer, YAI

9:15 AM  Opening Remarks
Marco Damiani, M.A., Senior Director,
Clinical and Family Services, YAI

9:15 AM  Keynote Presentation
Gerald Huber, Acting Deputy Commissioner of OPWDD’s new Division of Person-Centered Supports.

He comes to the position with more than 25 years of experience in human services. Huber has been with OPWDD since 2010, when he was named director of the Long Island DDSO. Before coming to the agency, Huber served as director of human services and deputy county administrator in La Crosse County, Wisconsin, where he oversaw a comprehensive public human services agency of approximately 250 staff and a direct budget of $75 million. Since his return to New York, Jerry Huber has been a key policymaker in the development of the People First Waiver, serving on the Steering Committee and facilitating the Access and Choice Design Team. According to Huber, the new Division of Person-Centered Supports will focus on the four main values of OPWDD—home, relationships, health and safety, and work or meaningful activities. The goals are to: Develop a comprehensive system of care that allows individuals and families to receive the services they need, rather than services being made available simply on the basis of what is available; to streamline various independent models of service delivery so they are simplified and made more consistent in being available to all parts of the state; and to develop alternatives for individuals and families that are more community-based and appropriate to need.

“A central part of the new division”, Huber says, will be the People First Waiver Unit, which becomes the backbone not only for what the division will focus on in the future, but also the framework for the future of OPWDD.”

Huber holds master’s degrees in public administration, social work and human services administration, and public health and public health administration; and a bachelor’s degree in behavioral science.
10:30 AM  Break

10:45 AM  Panel discussion with experts and families

Panelists:
• Peter Della Bella, M.D., Medical Director, Premier HealthCare
• David Gregory, Executive Vice President, Prescott Associates, Ltd.
• Alden Kaplan, Senior Policy Advisor for AHRC New York City
• Peter Pierri, Executive Director, InterAgency Council of Developmental Disabilities Agencies, Inc.
• Margaret Puddington, Parent, Chair, Manhattan Family Support Services Advisory Council; Member 1115 Medicaid Waiver Steering Committee; Chair, OPWDD Statewide Family Support Committee and Member, OPWDD Advisory Council

12:15 PM  Lunch (on your own)

Afternoon Agenda

1:30 PM  Large-scale Medical Management of Patients Using Quality Indicators and Electronic Health Records
James (Larry) Holly, M.D. Chief Executive Officer, Southeast Texas Medical Associates, L.L.P. (SETMA); Adjunct Professor Department Family and Community Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio

2:30 PM  Exploring Effective Care Coordination Models
Carmen Morano, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Chair, Gerontology Field of Practice at the Silberman School of Social work, Hunter College

3:30 PM  Managed Long-Term Care: Considerations in the 1115 Medicaid Waiver
Randall C. Klein, Executive Vice President, Health Plans and Executive Director, HomeFirst, Metropolitan Jewish Health System

4:30 PM  Networking Reception

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