

The Annual Mental Health Conference is co-sponsored by the  
Community Advisory Board of NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi and the Jacobi Medical Center Auxiliary

# SAVING LIVES

Through

# EDUCATION



**Wednesday, May 16, 2018 ♦ 6 pm**  
**Jacobi Conference Center**

## The Mental Health Education Law in New York

effective July 2018 requires mental health education be taught in junior high and high schools.

The objectives are:

- Allow students to recognize the signs of mental illness in themselves and others and seek help when it is needed.
- Reduce the stigma of mental illness that leads to isolation, depression, exclusion and bullying.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

### ***MaryEllen Elia***

**New York State Commissioner of Education  
President of the University of the State of New York**

**M**aryEllen Elia is New York's Commissioner of Education and President of the University of the State of New York. In this role, she oversees the work of more than 700 school districts with 3.2 million students; 7,000 libraries; 900 museums; and 52 professions encompassing more than 850,000 licensees.

Since becoming Commissioner in July 2015, Ms. Elia, under the direction of the Board of Regents, has taken many significant actions to improve education in New York. She oversaw the extensive review and revision of the State's learning standards; made improvements to the annual Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests; worked with hundreds of stakeholders to drive equity and strengthen schools through New York's Every Student Succeeds Act Plan; and made the education of boys and young men of color a priority through New York's My Brother's Keeper initiative.

A native New Yorker, Commissioner Elia has more than 45 years of experience as an educator. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Daeman College in Buffalo, a Master of Education from the University of Buffalo, and a Master of Professional Studies from SUNY Buffalo. In 1970, she began her career in education as a social studies teacher in Buffalo's Sweet Home Central School District and taught for 19 years before moving on to administrative positions. Prior to her appointment in New York, she served as superintendent of schools in Hillsborough County, Florida, for 10 years.

### ***Ann Marie T. Sullivan, M.D.***

**Commissioner, New York State Office of Mental Health**

**D**r. Ann Marie Sullivan was confirmed by the New York State Senate as Commissioner for the New York State Office of Mental Health on June 20, 2014. New York State has a large, multi-faceted mental health system that serves more than 700,000 individuals each year. The Office of Mental Health (OMH) operates psychiatric centers across the State, and also oversees more than 4,500 community programs, including inpatient and outpatient programs, emergency, community support, residential and family care programs.

As Commissioner, she has guided the transformation of the state hospital system in its emphasis on recovery and expansion of community based treatment, reinvesting over 60 million dollars in community services. Working closely with all mental health providers and health plans, she is responsible for the movement of the health benefit for the seriously mentally ill into managed care beginning October 2015. This new Health and Recovery Plan (HARP) benefit will embed in the Medicaid benefit critical recovery services such as crisis respite, peer, educational and employment supports. She has also been instrumental in expanding services for the mentally ill in prisons and in expanding the much needed community based continuum of care for the seriously mentally ill leaving prison and returning to their community.

Previously, she was the Senior Vice President for the Queens Health Network of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. As Senior Vice President, she was responsible for Elmhurst and Queens Hospital Centers, two public hospitals which serve a community of over 2 million New York City residents. Dr. Sullivan is an active advocate for her patients and her profession, is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and has served as the Speaker of the American Psychiatric Association's Assembly and on its Board of Trustees. She is a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, a member of the American College of Psychiatrists and the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry.

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## *Program*

### **Welcoming Remarks**

**Christopher Mastromano, CEO**  
**NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi**

**Sylvia Lask, Moderator**  
**Community Advisory Board 2nd Vice Chair and Chair of Special Events**  
**NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi**

**Glenn Liebman, CEO**  
**Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc. (MHANYS)**

**Maryann Popiel, MD**  
**Chair, Behavioral Healthcare Services**  
**NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi**  
**NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx**

### **The Power of Partnership**

**Ann Sullivan, M.D.**  
**New York State Commissioner of the Office of Mental Health**

### **Mental Health Literacy in Schools: Key to our Children's Success**

**MaryEllen Elia, M.Ed., MPS**  
**New York State Commissioner of Education**  
**President of the University of the State of New York**

### **Mental Health Education in Schools: History and Implementation**

**John Richter, MPA**  
**Director of Public Policy, Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc.**

**Amy Molloy, MSW, M.Ed.**  
**Director of Education, Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc.**

### **NAMI Signature Programs for Schools, Families and Young Adults**

**Matthew Shapiro**  
**Associate Director, Public Affairs, NAMI-NYS (National Alliance on Mental Illness)**

**Amy Molloy, MSW, M.Ed.**

**Director of Education, Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc.**

**A**my Molloy is the Director of Education for the Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc (MHANYS). She has a Master of Social Work from the University at Albany and Master of Education from Texas Southern University. Amy is honored to serve as a member of the Queensbury Union Free School District's Board of Education, as well as a member of the Warren County Community Services Board and the Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health Board of Directors. She is also a certified trainer in Mental Health First Aid, Youth Mental Health First Aid and several suicide prevention programs, including safeTALK and ASIST. Amy believes that she has learned the most about education through her role as mother to three children, Rachel, John and Benjamin, the youngest of whom is graduating for high school this year.

**John Richter**

**Director of Public Policy, Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc.**

**J**ohn Richter has been the Director of Public Policy at the Mental Health Association in New York State (MHANYS) since January 2008. Mr. Richter joined MHANYS after spending over twenty five years serving and advocating for the elderly and people with disabilities.

His career in human services began as a direct care worker in Community Residences for people with developmental disabilities. He has managed both Community Residences and Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs) and was a Behaviorist for a 14-bed ICF for adolescents with Autism. He spent 13 years in long term care policy with the New York Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (NYAHSA) specializing in adult home, assisted living and home care issues. While at MHANYS, John was instrumental in the passage of legislation requiring that New York schools begin teaching about mental health, beginning in 2018, as part of the school health curriculum.

John received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from SUNY Stony Brook. He received his Masters Degree in Public Administration from Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at SUNY Albany, where he completed his internship in Medicaid Rate Setting for the then Division of Substance Abuse Services (DSAS).

**Matthew Shapiro**

**Associate Director, Public Affairs, NAMI-NYS**

**M**atthew Shapiro is the Associate Director, Public Affairs for the National Alliance on Mental Illness-New York State (NAMI-NYS). In this role Matthew directs NAMI-NYS's public policy platform and communication efforts. Matthew also organizes NAMI-NYS's annual education conference. He is the host of the NAMI-NYS produced television program Mental Health Now and is a frequent guest on television and radio programs to discuss mental health issues.

Matthew serves on the steering committee for the National Institute of Mental Health's Outreach Partner Program and the steering committee for What's Great in Our State-A Celebration of Children's Mental Health, which is led by the New York State Office of Mental Health and Council for Children and Families.