



NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

2005-2006 JOINT BUDGET HEARING

JANUARY 31st, 2005 – 9:30 A.M.

HEALTH, MEDICAID & AGING

HEARING ROOM B – LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING

NYS Department of Health	Honorable Antonia C. Novello, Commissioner
NYS Office for the Aging	Honorable Neal Lane, Acting Director
Healthcare Association of NYS (HANYS)	Daniel Sisto, President
Greater New York Hospital Association	Kenneth E. Raske, President
1199 SEIU	Jennifer Cunningham, Executive Vice President/Political Director
NY Association of Homes & Services for the Aging	Carl Young, President
NYS Association of Health Care Providers	Phyllis Wang, President
Schuyler Center for Analysis & Advocacy	Karen Schimke, President & CEO
Medical Society of the State of NY	Gerard L. Conway, ESQ., Vice President of Governmental Affairs
The Hospice & Palliative Care Association of NYS	Kathy McMahon, Executive Director
NY Alliance for Donation	Carla Williams, Executive Director

Family Planning Advocates	JoAnn Smith, President & CEO
NYS Alliance for Retired Americans	Michael Burgess, Executive Director
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of NYS (NAMI)	Judith Beyer, Sherry Grenz Directors of NAMI
Gay Men's Health Crisis	Michelle Bonan, Assistant Director of Government Relations
Empire State Association of Adult Homes and Assisted Living Facilities	Lisa Newcomb, Executive Director
Private Citizen	Frank Stoppenbach
Center for a Tobacco Free NY	Russell Sciandra, Director
NYS Psychological Association (NYSUT)	Eric Garfinkel, PhD, Chairman of the Insurance Committee for NYSPA
* { NYS Association of Area Agencies on Aging	Laura Cameron, Executive Director Thomas Yandean, President John Beale, Legislative Chair
AARP	David McNally, Manager/Government Relations Bill Ferris, NYS Legislative Representative
NYS Podiatric Medical Association	Richard Altwerger, DPM, Chairman of Legislative Committee
NY College of Podiatric Medicine	✓ Anthony Iorio, DPM, MHP, Chief of Medicine
Citizens Committee for Children	Jennifer March-Joly, Associate Executive Director for Program & Policy
NYS Association of County Health Officials	Dr. David Ackman, President
NYS Nurses Association	Janet Haebler, MSN., RN, Director of Practice & Governmental Affairs

NY Public Research Interest Group (NYPIRG)	Blair Horner, Legislative Director
NY Immigration Coalition	Mark Lewis, Albany Representative
Center for the Independence of the Disabled	Susan DooHa, Executive Director
Coalition of Voluntary Safety Net Hospitals	David Rosen, President & CEO Mediys Health System Inc.
NYS Independent Living Council	Donna Gillette, Assistance Network Advocate
NYS Catholic Conference	Ron Gruglielmo, Director of Health Care
SEIU Local #200 United	Patricia Rector, Political Director
Continuing Care Leadership Coalition	Scott Amrhein, President
Westchester Disabled on the Move Inc.	Melvyn Tanzman, Executive Director
Housing Works	Mark Hayes, State & Federal Issues Organizer
Statewide Systems Advocacy Network	Barbara Knowlen, Coordinator
Mothers & Babies Prenatal Network	Sharon Chesna, Executive Director
Children's Defense Fund – NY	Kinda Serafi, Senior Policy Associate
Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies	Kathy Fitzgibbons, Senior Policy Analyst for the Elderly
United NY Ambulance Network	Andrew LaMarca, Member of Board of Directors
Center for Disability Rights	Chris Hilderbrant, Director of Advocacy
Associated Medical Schools	Jo Wiederhorn, Executive Director

NYS Health Facilities
Association Inc.

Richard Herrick, President & CEO
Robert Murphy, Ex – Vice President
Of Governmental

New York State Adapt

Bruce Darling, Community Organizer

Hunger Action Network of NYS

Mark Dunlea, Associate Director

Medicaid Matters NY

Kim Healy, Health Consumer
Advocate

NYS Coalition of Pre-Paid
Health Services Plans

Harris Lampert, M.D., Chairman

Northern Regional Center for
Independent Living

Elizabeth Patience, Statewide
Systems Advocate

SUBMITTING TESTIMONY:

Greater Upstate Law Project

Kristen Brown, Director of Legislative
Advocacy

Suffolk County Perinatal
Coalition Inc.

Amy Bay, Assistant Director

NYC AIDS Service Network

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Craig Cobb, Harlem Directors

ARISE Child and Family Services

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Capital District Center for
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Network

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Health Care Professional Council
(HCPC)

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