

**New York State Office of Mental Health
Regional Advisory Committee
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Regional Advisory Committee Vision Statement:

The RAC envisions a future where all OMH divisions will regularly incorporate the advice and guidance of people who may use mental health services to promote openness and recovery essential for living, working, learning and fully participating in the community.

Regional Advisory Committee Mission Statement:

The Mission of the RAC is to provide actionable advice and recommendations to all divisions within the Office of Mental Health consistent with OMH's mission. The RAC aims to promote the mental health of all New Yorkers, at any stage of life, with a particular focus on providing hope, recovery, and empowerment.

Regional Advisory Committee Values:

- Individuals speaking with own voice and not through others.
- Equality - The importance of every voice.
- Sharing hope, recovery and healing with each other
- Self Determination - Individuals' right to make their own choices.
- Respect – is esteem for the worth of a person including recognition of dignity, diversity and cultural differences.
- An event or crisis does not equal a lifetime of disability.
- Creating new possibilities for people, organizations, and systems.
- Networking
- Sharing concerns and complaints.
- Legal and civil rights are respected.
- Strengths-based.
- Eliminate coercion, stigma and discrimination.