

Name and Degree(s)	Association or Role on the RDAC
Michele Spencer-Manzon, MD, <i>Chair</i>	Role: MD Genetics expert Associate Professor of Genetics and of Pediatrics; Associate Chief of Clinical Genetics Operations; Pediatric Genomics Discovery Program
Lesley Bennett, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Role: Rare disease patient advocate; RDAC Coalition Leader, Connecticut Rare Disease Advocates; 2014-2023 NORD CT-Rare Action Network State Ambassador
Colleen Brunetti, M.Ed, C.H.C.	Role: Adult living with a rare disease Pulmonary Hypertension Association Board, Chair (2023)
Jim Carson, MPA	Department of Insurance Representative
Mary Caruso	Role: Caregiver of two adult children living with a rare disease Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance Founding Member
Kevin Felice, DO, FANA	Role: Hospital Administrator Director of the Neuromuscular Center at Hospital for Special Care
Joanna Gell, MD	Role: Research Scientist Pediatric Oncologist and Hematologist at Connecticut Children's Hospital, and Research Scientist at Jackson Laboratories
Emily Germain-Lee, M.D.	Role: Physician treating rare disease patients, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and Division Head of Endocrinology & Diabetes at Connecticut Children's
Dorian Long, MSW	Department of Social Services Representative
Craig Miller, MS	Role: Biopharmaceutical industry representative Director of Biomarker Discovery & Portfolio Strategy at Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals
Miriam Miller, MPH	Department of Public Health Representative
James Rawlings, R.PH., MPH	Role: Patient organization representative President/CEO of Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Connecticut, Michelle's House
Saurabh Vaidya, MCS	Role: Parent of pediatric rare disease patient Connecticut Hemophilia Society President

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