



**Gary M. Steck** is a Connecticut Licensed Marital and Family Therapist. He is the Chief Executive Officer of **Wellmore Behavioral Health** (Wellmore, Inc.), a Waterbury-based provider of child, adolescent and adult mental health and substance abuse recovery and support services operating a dozen sites throughout western Connecticut. Wellmore is the Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Service for the 43 towns of western Connecticut. Mr. Steck holds Bachelor and Master's degrees from the University of Connecticut having spent the last 25 years working as a clinician and manager at inner-city community treatment settings. In addition to his role at Wellmore, Mr. Steck is the Chairman of the Board of **Connecticut Community Provider Association**, a trade association that represents organizations providing services and supports for people with disabilities and significant challenges including children and adults with substance use disorders, mental illness, developmental, and physical disabilities. Community providers deliver quality health and human services to 500,000 of Connecticut's residents each year. Mr. Steck was among the two dozen Wellmore staff who were early responders to the shootings at the Sandy Hook Elementary School and is providing on-going support to families coping with this tragedy.

**Robert W. Plant, Ph. D.** is a licensed clinical psychologist with extensive clinical, administrative and leadership experience. He is currently the Chief Clinical Officer at Wellmore Behavioral Health where he oversees an array of mental health and substance abuse services for children, youth, adults, and families throughout northwestern Connecticut. Dr. Plant has worked within the private and public sectors as a clinician and a manager of services including previous positions as director of outpatient programs for adults and children, Superintendent of the former Riverview Hospital for Children and Youth, and Statewide Director of Community Mental Health Programs and Services for DCF. While with DCF, Dr. Plant was instrumental in the establishment and improvement of many innovative and successful programs including the Emergency Medical Psychiatric Crisis Service (EMPS), CONCEPT Trauma Grant, the dissemination of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) at 16 outpatient clinics, establishment of the Extended Day Treatment Program Model, and dissemination of Intensive In-Home Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services (IICAPS) and other evidence based and in-home treatment models. Dr. Plant is a frequent lecturer and has published articles and chapters in numerous books and scholarly journals. His most recent publications have focused on school based diversion from juvenile justice involvement, residential treatment, behavioral health treatment for children in foster care, and best practices. He is currently co-editing a Handbook of Adolescent Behavior Problems. Dr. Plant was an early responder to the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School and has been assisting with the community response to the tragedy.

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**Sheila B. Amdur, MSW** is well known throughout Connecticut's nonprofit community as a advocate and leader who has dedicated her career to the service of children and adults with significant challenges such as mental illness, substance abuse disorders, and physical and intellectual disabilities. She has served in a variety of leadership roles including Executive Director of United Services, Inc., and Senior Policy Advisor on Healthcare Reform to the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. She has worked for the last 15 years as a consultant to mental health centers in Connecticut to improve clinical practice and integration with health care. Ms. Amdur co-chairs the Complex Care Committee of the Legislature's Council on Medical Assistance Oversight related to individuals with chronic illnesses. She previously served for six years on the National Board of the National Alliance on Mental Illness as their national policy chair. Ms. Amdur has also been the Interim President/CEO of the Connecticut Community Providers Association as CCPA recruited its new CEO.