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**New Hope Community Welcomes Five New Board Members**

*Board of directors come from diverse sectors, providing expertise in supporting individuals with complex medical needs, diversifying the workforce and leveraging health care resources.*

**Loch Sheldrake, N.Y.**— [New Hope Community](#) is proud to announce the appointments of Bruce Ellsweig, MD, Aleta Lymon, PhD, Walter Madden, Gary Silver and Jean-Paul Vallet to its board of directors. New Hope Community is a not-for-profit organization providing person-centered services and supports for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

“We are thrilled to announce our most diverse group of first-time board members,” said Chief Executive Officer Debra McGinness. “New Hope Community purposefully selected individuals who would bring unique perspectives, drawing from different career paths that all offer expertise that can advance our goals and the important work we do at New Hope Community.”

The board members were approved for an initial two-year term at the June 3 board meeting and can serve a maximum of six years.

The five new board members are:

- **Bruce Ellsweig, MD, practicing family physician at Crystal Run Healthcare in Rock Hill, N.Y.**  
Dr. Ellsweig joined Crystal Run Healthcare in 2015. He also serves as the medical director for Sullivan County’s Public Health Services, helping to manage the county’s response to the pandemic. In 2017, he joined the advisory board for the health-focused non-profit Sullivan 180. Dr. Ellsweig is also a social member of the Forestburgh Fire Company and an active participant of the Monticello Kiwanis Club. His extensive medical experience includes positions as director of primary care and community medicine with Greater Hudson Valley Health System and as medical director of Lehigh Valley Hospice.
- **Aleta Lymon, PhD, grants manager at Garnet Health Foundation in Orange and Sullivan Counties**  
Dr. Lymon began working with Garnet Health Foundation earlier this year as its Grants Manager, where she manages federal, state and private grants in support of programs and services across Garnet Health. Dr. Lyman has over 20 years experience in leading

projects and program and policy implementation. She has her doctorate in philosophy in public policy, administration, leadership and management from Walden University, her master's of public administration from Marist College and her bachelor's of science in business management and economics from Empire State College. Active in the greater Sullivan County community, she has served on boards and committees of the Rural Economic Partnership for Sullivan, NAACP, National Society of Leadership and Success, Sullivan County Professional Women, American Society for Public Administration and Sullivan County BOCES.

- **Walter Madden, New Hope Community resident**

Walter moved into New Hope Community in March of 2017. He is an active member of the residential community and is a passionate advocate for himself and his peers. Mr. Madden participates in agency-wide committees where his life experiences provide a crucial perspective. Mr. Madden is a member of the Kiwanis Aktion Club, the only service club for adults with disabilities, where he enjoys participating in their sponsored fundraisers and activities. He likes to attend church activities, build community connections and is a fan of old TV shows, like Adam 12, and music by Elvis. Currently retired, Mr. Madden was previously employed at Resorts World Catskills.

- **Gary Silver, partner at Billig, Loughlin & Silver, LLP, in Monticello, N.Y.**

Mr. Silver has a wealth of legal knowledge and currently works as the attorney for the Village of Liberty. Active in humanitarian efforts, he is the vice president for legal and governmental affairs for Operation Endeavor, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that provides emergency rescue training. Mr. Silver is involved in the Liberty Rotary Club's Haiti Clean Water Program, traveled to Vietnam in April 2018 with Schools to End Poverty (S.T.E.P.) and in April and May of 2020, participated in Operation Feed in Sullivan County. A dedicated member of the Liberty Rotary Club, he served as president from 2016 to 2017.

- **Jean-Paul Vallet, vice president of network planning at Westchester Medical Center Health Network in Valhalla, N.Y.**

Mr. Vallet has more than 20 years of experience in hospital and health system strategic planning and business development. He joined Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth) in 2019, where he oversees all Certificate of Need (CON) preparation and filings with the New York State Department of Health and more generally supports strategy and development initiatives. He was a member of the WMCHHealth COVID-19 Vaccination HUB Executive Leadership Team, which managed the distribution of the vaccine from December 2020 to July 2021 to all health care providers in the Hudson Valley. Prior to WMCHHealth, Mr. Vallet was director of planning and business development at Garnet Health.

**Photo Captions:**

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**About New Hope Community:**

*Established in 1975, New Hope Community is a not-for-profit providing supports for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. Recognized today as a leading provider in the human services field, the organization maintains a person-centered approach and actively advocates for individual choice in a person's efforts to live, work and participate fully in his or her community. Its breadth of services includes clinical and nursing care, residential services, day programming, community habilitation, self-direction, support brokers, service navigators, education, recreation and leisure activities, a robust supported employment program, summer programs for youths, and much more.*

*In 2020, New Hope Community merged with Select Human Services, Inc. (SHS) of Pleasantville, NY, a not-for-profit voluntary agency providing services in Westchester, Putnam, and Rockland Counties. The combined organization provides services to more than 700 people and employs more than 1,000 staff.*

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