

Service Program for Older People

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Service Program for Older People Announces Inaugural Advisory Board

Service Program for Older People announced the formation and installation of an Advisory Board at its annual meeting on June 10, 2015. "We have long dreamed of having an Advisory Board to provide guidance and support," stated Board President Carolyn K. McCandless. "The group that we welcome to SPOP today is comprised of ten outstanding leaders who share a commitment to improving the health and well-being of our older neighbors, friends and relatives."

Members of the Advisory Board are:

- Martha L. Bruce, Ph.D., M.P.H., Professor of Sociology in Psychiatry, Weill Cornell Medical College
- Lowell Chase, Attorney & Complex Claims Director, AIG
- Mary Q. Connelly, former Chairman of the Board, Carter Burden Center for the Aging
- Carolyn Handler, Attorney, Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler
- Laurel Henschel, Chief Administrative Officer, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom
- Henrik T. Petersen, retired business executive
- John Rusk, President & Founder, Rusk Renovations
- Renee Solomon, DSW, LCSW, retired Professor, Columbia University School of Social Work
- Robert Schachter, DSW, LMSW, Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers NYC Chapter
- David Theobald, President, Global Growth Investments; Vice Chair, National Board of Directors, Mental Health America



Founded in 1972, SPOP was one of the first agencies entirely dedicated to meeting the mental health needs of older adults living in the community. It has grown from a neighborhood-based agency to a borough-wide resource for the healthcare community. SPOP works in partnership with hospitals, medical providers and social service agencies to treat older adults, with a goal of improving quality of life and reducing hospitalizations and healthcare use. SPOP serves over 1,000 New Yorkers each year and is the region's leading provider of long-term in-home geriatric mental health treatment.

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