## **BIOGRAPHY**

Michael Piazza has been the Commissioner of Putnam County Departments of Mental Health, Social Services and Youth Bureau since April 1994.

Mr. Piazza began his career in Putnam County in 1979 in the Mental Health Department as a Substance Abuse Counselor. Over the years he has taken on successive responsibilities as Director of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services, and as Director of Mental Health services prior to being appointed Commissioner.

Mr. Piazza was born and raised in Mt. Kisco, New York. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Iona College and a Masters Degree in Counseling and Community Services from Fairfield University.

He is a past President of The New York Public Welfare Association. Mr. Piazza has been appointed to the Westchester/Putnam Workforce Investment Board and coordinates the Putnam Workforce Partnership. Mr. Piazza is a member of the Ryan White and Tri-County Steering Committee of the Health and Human Services Planning Council of New York, and he is a member of the Board of Directors of Westchester Community Opportunity Program/(WestCop).

Mr. Piazza lives in Carmel, New York with his wife Maureen.