Promoting a Family-Friendly Mental Health System. On November 19, 2008, the CPI hosted a planning day to support the efforts of the NYS OMH and the Family Institute for Education, Practice and Research at the University of Rochester to explore, design, implement and evaluate family involving approaches designed to facilitate widespread dissemination across program settings, clinical conditions and cultural populations. In light of the difficulties associated with implementing and sustaining long term (9-24 months) family psycho-education programs, the NYSOMH and the Family Institute have focused on efforts to explore less intensive and more broadly applicable approaches that have reasonable requirements both for staff competency and for consumer and family commitment. This led to the development of the Consumer Centered Family Consultation (CCFC) model. This approach is a brief intervention (1-3 meetings) that provides consumers and family members with basic knowledge related to mental illness, treatment and causes; guidance on ways to support a loved one with mental health problems and information about community resources. At the time of the advisory panel meeting, data had been collected across the 50 agencies that had piloted this approach. As a model that’s in its formative stage of development, the advisory panel focused on the strengths, limits and blind spots of the CCFC approach. The advisory panel participants served a critical strategic planning function to insure that the next steps of OMH and the Family Institute were well informed and included multi-stakeholder perspectives. Recommendations included developing performance measures to track the implementation and impact of the CCFC model, refining the CCFC model to enhance the engagement component, and looking to other successfully implemented, recovery-focused interventions (e.g., Wellness Self-Management) for implementation strategies. Panel Members included: Wendy Brennan, M.S., Lisa Dixon, M.D., M.P.H., Dennis G. Dyck, Ph.D., Susan M. Essock, PhD., Shirley M. Glynn, Ph.D., Alicia Lucksted, Ph.D., Edie Mannion, M.F.T., Mary McKay, Ph.D., Susan A. Pickett-Schenk Ph.D., Sharon Aungst, M.S., Peter Boutros, Ph.D. Candidate, LMHC, CASAC, Tahleah R. Chappel, B.A., Jean Dingee, LCSW, Debbie Dorre, Michael F. Hogan, Ph.D., Beth G. Hoh, LCSW-R, Thomas Jewell, Ph.D., John Johnson, M.A., LCSW-R, Doris Joy, R.N., LCSW-R, J. Steven Lamberti, M.D., Luis O. Lopez, M.S., Paul Margolies, Ph.D., Gregory Miller, M.D., Robert Myers, Ph.D., Ilana Nossel, M.D., Vicki O’Brien, LCSW, M.P.S., Thomas O’Clair, Anthony Salerno, Ph.D., Catherine Sellars, LCSW, Anne Smith, LMSW, Herbert M. Weis, Ph.D., Amanda Wenner, M.A., LMHC