**§ 7.03 Definitions.**

As used in this title:

1. "Office" means the office of mental health.

2. "Commissioner" means the head of the office of mental health.

3. "Mental health peer" or "MHP" means an individual with lived-experience who is actively in recovery from a mental health condition and has self-disclosed their mental health journey.

4. "Family peer advocate" or "FPA" means an individual with lived-experience as the biological, foster, or adoptive parent or primary caregiver of a child or youth with a social, emotional, behavioral, mental health, or developmental disability.

5. "Youth peer advocate" or "YPA" means an individual who self-identifies as a person with first-hand experience with mental health and/or co-occurring behavioral challenges as a young person or has received services in any one of the child-serving systems or programs pursuant to this chapter.

6. "New York state certified peer specialist" or "NYCPS" means a mental health peer who has specialized training and holds a credential from a certifying authority recognized by the commissioner.

7. "Credentialed family peer advocate" or "CFPA" means an individual verified to have met the criteria for a family peer advocate as defined in subdivision four of this section and who holds a credential from a certifying authority recognized by the commissioner.

8. "Credentialed youth peer advocate" or "CYPA" means an individual verified to have met the criteria for a youth peer advocate as defined in subdivision five of this section and who holds a credential from a certifying authority recognized by the commissioner.