

# Health Equity Council

December 5, 2025

10:30AM – 1:00PM

## Agenda

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| <b>10:30AM – 10:35AM</b> | <b>Call to Order and Introductions</b><br><i>Mario Ortiz, RN NP; PhD; FNAP, FAAN</i><br><i>Chair, Health Equity Council</i><br><i>Helen Arteaga, PH.D., MPH</i><br><i>Vice Chair, Health Equity Council</i>   |
| <b>10:35AM – 10:45AM</b> | <b>Updates from the Office of Health equity and Human Rights</b><br><i>Tina Kim, Deputy Commissioner</i><br>Office of Health Equity and Human Rights  |
| <b>10:45AM – 10:55AM</b> | <b>Sickle Cell Program Updates:</b><br><b>New York State Department of Health</b><br><i>Virginia Sack, Research Scientist III</i><br>Wadsworth Center, Newborn Screening Program<br><i>Kristina Usack, Program Manager</i><br>Bureau of Child Health                  |
| <b>10:55AM – 11:25AM</b> | <b>Sickle Cell Disease: Data Considerations</b><br><i>Paloma Luisi, Bureau Director</i><br>Quality Measurement and Evaluation<br>Center for Applied Research and Evaluation<br>Office of Health Services Quality and Analytics<br>New York State Department of Health |
| <b>11:25AM – 11:45AM</b> | <b>Council Focus Area Updates</b><br>Focus Area Leads, Office of Health Equity and Human Rights<br>New York State Department of Health  |
| <b>11:45AM – 12:00PM</b> | <b>Council Business: Final Report</b><br><i>Mario Ortiz, Chair, Health Equity Council</i>   |
| <b>12:00PM – 12:30PM</b> | <b>Council Business: Voting</b><br><i>Mario Ortiz, Chair, Health Equity Council</i>   |
| <b>12:30PM – 1:00PM</b>  | <b>Selection of 2026 Meeting Dates</b><br><i>Helen Arteaga, Vice Chair, Health Equity Council</i>   |