

Health Equity Council – Virtual Meeting

February 20, 2026
10:30AM – 1:00PM

Meeting Link

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Agenda

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| 10:30AM – 10:35AM | Call to Order and Introductions
<i>Mario Ortiz, RN NP; PhD; FNAP, FAAN</i>
<i>Chair, Health Equity Council</i>
<i>Helen Arteaga, PH.D., MPH</i>
<i>Vice Chair, Health Equity Council</i> |
| 10:35AM – 10:50AM | Updates from the Office of Health Equity and Human Rights
<i>Tina Kim, Deputy Commissioner</i>
Office of Health Equity and Human Rights |
| 10:50AM – 11:00AM | Updates from New York State
Department of Health Programs:
<i>Stephanie Gagnon, Certified Genetic Counselor</i>
Wadsworth Center, Newborn Screening Program:
<i>Paloma Luisi, Bureau Director</i>
Quality and Data Analytics
<i>Nathalie Boucher, Essential Plan Unit Director</i>
Quality and Data Analytics |
| 11:00AM – 11:45AM | Presentation: Artificial Intelligence
<i>Dr. Maxim Topaz, PHD, RN, FAAN, FACMI, FIAHSI</i> |
| 11:45AM – 12:00PM | Council Discussion: Artificial Intelligence Next Steps |
| 12:00PM – 12:30PM | Presentation: Women’s Health
<i>Dr. Kamila Barnes, DNP, FNP-C, RN, FADLN, FNYAM</i> |
| 12:30PM – 12:40PM | Council Discussion: Women’s Health Next Steps |
| 12:40PM – 12:50PM | Council Business |
| 12:50PM – 1:00PM | Adjournment |