

Health Equity Council – Virtual Meeting

May 1, 2026
10:30AM – 1:00PM

Agenda

- 10:30AM – 10:35AM** **Call to Order and Introductions**
*Mario Ortiz, RN NP; PhD; FNAP, FAAN
Chair, Health Equity Council
Helen Arteaga, PH.D., MPH
Vice Chair, Health Equity Council*
- 10:35AM – 10:45AM** **Updates from the Office of Health Equity and Human Rights**
*Tina Kim, Deputy Commissioner
Office of Health Equity and Human Rights*
- 10:45AM – 11:00AM** **Updates from New York State
Department of Health Programs:**
*Stephanie Gagnon, Certified Genetic Counselor
Wadsworth Center, Newborn Screening Program
Kristina Usack, Program Manager
Bureau of Child Health
Alice Spina, New York State Public Health Corps Fellow, and
Pauline Santos, Senior Health Program Coordinator, Office of
Health Equity and Human Rights Executive Team*
- 11:00AM – 11:45AM** **Addressing the Opioid Epidemic in
New York State**
*Allan Clear, Director, Office of Drug User Health, AIDS Institute,
Office of Health Equity and Human Rights
Dr. David Holtgrave, PhD, Special Advisor, Office of the
Commissioner*
- 11:45AM – 12:15PM** **Prevention Agenda 2026-2030**
*Dr. Elizabeth Whalen, MD, MPH, DipALB, Medical Director,
Office of Public Health*
- 12:15PM – 12:50PM** **Sickle Cell Disease Related Data Findings**
*Paloma Luisi, Bureau Director
Quality and Data Analytics, New York State Department of Health*
- 12:50PM – 1:00PM** **Adjournment**