

Health Equity Council – Virtual Meeting

September 18, 2026
10:30AM – 1:00PM

Meeting Link
Join by phone

Agenda

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 – 10:45AM	Council Business <i>Mario Ortiz, Chair, Health Equity Council</i>
10:45AM – 11:00AM	Updates from the Office of Health Equity and Human Rights <i>Tina Kim, Deputy Commissioner</i> Office of Health Equity and Human Rights, New York State Department of Health
11:00AM – 11:15AM	Updates from New York State Department of Health Programs: <i>Taylor Mead-Patterson, Health Program Administrator,</i> Bureau of Child Health, Division of Family Health, Office of Public Health <i>Suzanne Swan, Bureau Director,</i> Bureau of Child Health, Division of Family Health, Office of Public Health <i>Stephanie Gagnon, Certified Genetic Counselor</i> Newborn Screening Program, Wadsworth Center <i>Paloma Luisi, Bureau Director</i> Quality and Data Analytics, Office of Health Services Quality and Analytics
11:15AM – 12:30PM	Subject Matter Expert Panel: Sickle Cell Disease
12:30PM – 1:00PM	Presentation: Impacts of Federal HR 1 on Medicaid Work Requirements <i>Amir Bassiri, Deputy Commissioner,</i> New York State Medicaid Director, Office of Health Insurance Programs, New York State Department of Health