

**Health Equity Council
Meeting Agenda
March 7, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**New York State Department of Health
90 Church Street
4th floor Rm. 4A/B
Manhattan, NY**

**Rochester Regional Office
1565 Jefferson Rd, Suite 120, Henrietta NY**

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Registration & Arrival Call to Order & Introductions	Mario Ortiz, RN, Ph.D. Chair, Health Equity Council Helen Arteaga, Ph.D., MPH Vice Chair, Health Equity Council
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Council Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In Memory of: A moment of silence for Lenora Reid-Rose.• Agenda Overview• Summary of Previous Meeting• Approval of minutes – December 6th, 2024• Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Update	Mario Ortiz, RN, Ph.D. Chair, Health Equity Council Wilma Alvarado-Little, Associate Commissioner, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Sickle Cell Legislation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bureau update • Community listening sessions update	Suzanne Swan, Director, Bureau of Child Health Alice Spina, NYSPHC Fellow III, Office of Minority Health & Health Disparities Prevention
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Council Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating a sickle cell disease timeline of investigation.• Recommendations to Commissioner of Health to be completed by December 5, 2025.	
12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Break	All
12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Meeting Recap, Next Steps, Action Items	Mario Ortiz, RN, Ph.D. Chair Helen Arteaga, Ph.D., MPH Vice Chair, Health Equity Council / All
1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Public Comment and Adjournment	Wilma Alvarado-Little, Associate Commissioner, New York State Department of Health Public/All