

**New York State Rural Health Council**

**Zoom**

**June 18, 2026**

**Meeting Agenda**

- 09:45 AM** Welcome, Introductions, and Remarks  
*Claire Parde, Chair*
- 10:00 AM** Making Health Care More Accessible for Rural Communities  
*James V. McDonald, M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner of Health*
- 10:15 AM** Council Discussion: Making Health Care More Accessible for Rural Communities
- 10:30 AM** Oral Health Presentation  
*Bridget Walsh, Senior Policy Manager, Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy*
- 10:50 AM** Council Discussion: Oral Health
- 11:00 AM** Report of the Rural Health Transformation Program  
*Karen Madden, Director*
- 11:20 AM** Council Vote to Establish Workgroup  
*Claire Parde, Chair*
- 11:30 AM** Emerging Issues from the Floor
- 11:45 AM** Public Comment
- Noon** Meeting Adjourned

***Next Rural Health Council Meeting: IN-PERSON in Syracuse on September 24, 2026***