

**New York State Rural Health Council
Embassy Suites Syracuse-Destiny USA
September 24, 2026**

Meeting Agenda

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| 10:00 AM | Welcome, Introductions, and Remarks
<i>Claire Parde, Chair</i> |
| 10:15 AM | Upstate Medical University – Rural Medical Scholars Program
<i>Lauren Meyer, PhD, Director, Rural Medical Scholars Program,
Upstate Medical University</i> |
| 10:45 AM | Council Discussion: Upstate Medical University – Rural Medical Scholars Program |
| 11:00 AM | Report on the Activities of the Codes, Regulations, and Legislation Workgroup
<i>Claire Parde, Chair</i> |
| 11:15 AM | Maternal Health Presentation
<i>Martiel Stoecker, DNP, CNM, C-EFM, Regional Grant Program Coordinator,
Crouse Health</i> |
| 11:45 AM | Council Discussion: Maternal Health Presentation |
| 12:00 PM | Report of the Rural Health Transformation Program
<i>Karen Madden, Director, Center for Health Care Policy and Resource Development
New York State Department of Health</i> |
| 12:30 PM | Emerging Issues from the Floor |
| 12:45 PM | Public Comment |
| 1:00 PM | Meeting Adjourned |

Next Rural Health Council Meeting: Virtual – December 3, 2026 – 10AM-12PM

Questions or comments, please reach out to rhc@health.ny.gov