



**NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE
2025 JOINT BUDGET HEARING
February 11, 2025 – 9:30 AM**

HEALTH

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| 1. New York State Department of Health | James V. McDonald, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner |
| 2. New York State Department of Health | Amir Bassiri
Medicaid Director |
| 3. New York State Department of Financial Services | Adrienne Harris
Superintendent |

Panel A:

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| 4. Healthcare Association of NYS (HANYIS) | Bea Grause, RN, JD
President |
| 5. 1199SEIU | Helen Schaub
Vice President,
Interim Political Director |
| 6. 32BJ Benefit Funds | Cora Opsah
Director, Health Fund |
| 7. New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) | Leon Bell
Director of Public Policy |
| 8. Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) | Kenneth E. Raske
President |

Panel B:

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| 9. Primary Care Development Corporation | Louise Cohen
CEO |
| 10. Health Care For All New York | Mia Wagner
Senior Health Policy Analyst |
| 11. New York Health Plan Association | Eric Linzer
President & CEO |
| 12. Medicaid Matters New York | Lara Kassel
Coalition Coordinator |

Panel C:

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| 13. Empire Center for Public Policy | Bill Hammond
Senior Fellow for Health
Policy |
| 14. LeadingAge New York | Sebrina Barrett
President & CEO |
| 15. NYS Association of County Health Officials | Linda Beers
President |
| 16. Nassau Health Care Corporation | Megan C. Ryan, Esq.
CEO & President, Chief
Legal Officer |
| 17. Community Health Care Association of
New York State (CHCANYS) | Rose Duhan
President & CEO |

Panel D:

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| 18. Medical Society of the State of New York | Paul Pipia, MD
Immediate Past-President |
| 19. United States Department of Defense
State Liaison Office | Christopher R. Arnold
Mid-Atlantic Region Liaison |
| 20. Associated Medical Schools of New York | Jonathan Teyan
President & CEO |

21. New York American College of Emergency Physicians Jeffrey S. Rabrich, DO,
MBA, FACEP
President

Panel E:

22. Agencies for Children’s Therapy Services (ACTS) Michael Grossfeld
President

23. The Children’s Agenda Brigit Hurley
Chief Program Officer

24. NYS Association for Behavior Analysis Maureen O’Grady
Chair, Public Policy
Committee

25. Alliance of New York State YMCAs Maggie Collins
Director of Public Policy

26. New York Water Safety Coalition James Spiers
Founding Member

Panel F:

27. NYS Health Facilities Association (NYSHFA) Kristin DeVries, MA, MPP
Director of Government
Relations

28. Center for Elder Law & Justice Lindsay Heckler
Managing Attorney

29. Empire State Association of Assisted Living Chris Vitale
Legislative Coordinator

30. VNS Health Dan Lowenstein
SVP of Government Affairs

Panel G:

31. Consumer Directed Action of New York Bryan O’Malley
Executive Director

32. New York Association on Independent Living Lindsay Miller
Executive Director

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| 33. PHI | Amy Robins
Senior Director of Policy |
| 34. Caring Majority Rising | Ilana Berger
NY Political Director |
| 35. Home Care Association of New York State | Al Cardillo
President & CEO |

Panel H:

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| 36. The Food Pantries for the Capital District | Angela Pender-Fox
Associate Executive Director |
| 37. The Alliance for a Hunger Free New York | Natash Pernicka
Executive Director |
| 38. West Side Campaign Against Hunger | Alyson Rosenthal
Chief Program Officer |
| 39. Schenectady County Food Council Advocacy
and Empowerment Working Group | Rev. Dustin G. Longmire
Co-Chair |
| 40. Met Council | Dickran Jebejian
Director of Policy |
| 41. Association of Professional Genealogists | Alec Ferretti
Director |
| 42. New York Genealogical and Biographical Society | Dr. Joshua Taylor
President & CEO |

Panel I:

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| 43. American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
(ACS CAN) | Michael Davoli
Senior Government Relations
Director |
| 44. Drug Policy Alliance | Toni Smith
State Director |
| 45. Hospice and Palliative Care Association of NYS | Jeanne M. Chirico, MPA
President & CEO |

46. NYS Academic Dental Centers

Jennifer Tassler
VP for Government Relations
and Strategic Affairs

47. Housing Works

Charles King
President & CEO

48. Compassion & Choices

Corinne Carey
Senior Campaign Director