

New York State Commission on the Future of Health Care
Meeting #1 Public Summary

Meeting Logistics:

- **Date:** Thursday November 2, 2023
- **Time:** 3-5:30 PM EST
- **Commission Member Attendees:** Sherry Glied, Toyin Ajayi, Joe Betancourt, Rob Connor, Lloyd Dean, Nancy-Ann DeParle, Richard Frank, Brett Friedman, Niyum Gandhi, Tom Insel, Ann Kurth, Pat Wang
- **Absent:** Bob Megna (excused)
- **Meeting objectives:**
 - Kick off the Commission and introduce Commission members
 - Hear from the Governor on her vision and the mandate for the Commission
 - Recap planned governance of the Commission
 - Provide background on the healthcare ecosystem in New York and an overview of the State's role in health system oversight
 - Begin to collectively define Commission's problem statement

Annotated Agenda:

- **Governor's Opening Remarks**
 - The Governor emphasized that this is a transformation moment for the healthcare system in New York State – it is a time of significant change, and access, quality, outcomes, and equity still have substantial room for improvement despite significant investments from the State.
 - The Commission's mandate is to ensure that the limited resources of the State and other health care payers are optimized to enable the delivery of accessible, equitable, high-quality care for all New Yorkers, through a resilient health care ecosystem and a strong health care workforce. It will be tasked with identifying strategies to ensure the long-term resilience of New York's health care system.
- **Commission Member Introductions**
 - Commission members shared brief introductions, highlighting the significant and specialized expertise they bring to this work.
- **Chair's Opening Remarks**
 - The Commission Chair (Sherry Glied) shared that this Commission was not formed in response to a specific crisis that must be solved tomorrow, but rather it is tasked with a broader assessment of why New York's healthcare system is not where it should be. She emphasized that the Commission will aim to provide pragmatic and impactful guidance that the Governor and her Administration may choose to act on.
- **Discussion of Commission Governance**
 - The Commission has three key engagement forums:
 - Commission meetings: The full Commission will meet on a bimonthly basis to align on key challenges facing the healthcare ecosystem, establish priorities, and discuss and refine recommendations proposed by topic-specific subcommittees. A summary of each meeting will be made publicly available.
 - Subcommittee meetings: Topic-specific subcommittees will meet in between full Commission meetings to review data, drive forward analysis and problem-solving, and develop recommendations for the Commission to consider.

- Stakeholder Advisory Board: To help inform Commission priorities, at least twice per year the Commission will meet with a Stakeholder Advisory Board to receive input from appointed stakeholders. The Commission will also solicit broader public input.
 - The Commission's first annual public report will be due in late 2024. The report will cover an overview of current and future challenges, specific recommendations on Year 1 priorities, and identification of Year 2 priorities.
- **Background on New York's Healthcare Ecosystem and the State's Oversight Role**
 - Commission members were provided an overview of:
 - Current healthcare ecosystem landscape and key challenges, including quality and outcomes
 - New York State's health governance structure
 - Major health initiatives underway in New York
 - Annual policy and budget timeline / milestones
- **Discussion of Commission Problem Statement**
 - Commission members began to discuss the key challenges facing New York's healthcare ecosystem, including issues with quality/outcomes, access, equity, patient experience, and financial sustainability.
- **Closing**
 - Subcommittees will meet before the end of the year, and the next full Commission meeting will be in January.