What You Need to Know About Rural Health

Most New York residents are not aware that rural residents of the state are older, sicker and poorer than non-rural residents. Moreover, rural New Yorkers are at a greater risk of inadequate healthcare due to rural hospital closures, distance and isolation, lack of necessary providers, and health related funding cuts.

In this workshop, presenters will provide information on healthcare, demographic and economic trends that impact rural health and the impacts of both public and private underinvestment on rural communities and economies. Examples of innovative and effective philanthropic investment in rural health projects will be shared. The workshop will cover the importance of philanthropy’s role in leveraging public resources to help address rural health priorities. Presenters will discuss how healthcare’s discovery of the importance of social determinants of health provides an opportunity for both new and creative approaches to improving rural health outcomes and possible roles for Philanthropy.