 **Policy Committee**

**Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

**10:30-11:30AM**

Barry Brogan, Chair

Via Zoom

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**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Roll-call Barry
   * Agenda Modifications
2. Accept Minutes of 12.9.20 Barry
3. Close the loop on issues raised at last meeting (see minutes)
4. Plan for Albany Advocacy Briefing All

* Via zoom
* Tuesday January 26th 9-11AM
* Invite Legislative Commission on Rural Resources Co-Chairs Senator Rachel May and Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara
* Choose four speakers to be invited
  + HANYS - broad political landscape & current state of COVID
  + CHCANYS - specific issues such as 340B, underserved populations, insurance access, telehealth
  + NYCON - contracting & payment issues
  + NYSPHA - public health, chronic disease, prevention agenda,

Immunize NY campaign

* + NYSASAP - behavioral health, opioid crisis
  + AHEC - workforce development
  + Others?
* Sign up for appointments with legislative leaders
  + Process will be digital
  + Which Committee Chairs are most important to secure appointments?
  + <https://nyassembly.gov/comm/>
  + <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/andrea-stewart-cousins/senate-majority-leader-andrea-stewart-cousins-5>

1. NRHA Policy Institute
   * February 9-11 <https://www.ruralhealthweb.org/events/event-details?eventId=17> cost $250
   * Congressional visits are planned for Thursday 9/11
     + Volunteer to be on the meeting with your Representative
     + Appointments will be on zoom or webex
2. Other Business All
3. Adjourn Barry

**Next meeting: February 16, 2021**

**10:00-11:00**

Thereafter Third Tuesdays at 10AM

Survey Results: Top Four Concerns for Winter 2021 Albany Advocacy

1. Adequately Fund Rural Health programs · Restore Rural Health Networks· Conserve Rural Health Access Development· Release supplemental appropriation
2. Respect organizations that contract with NYS· Enforce prompt contracting & payment· Improve communication
3. Preserve the Rural Health Safety Net· Safeguard funding for Public Health· Encourage immunization · Maintain access to health insurance· Protect the 340B pharmacy program · Engage underserved populations· Support contact tracing
4. Support Rural Workforce Recruitment & Retention· Match federal funding for Area Health Education Centers· Continue Doctors Across New York, Diversity in Medicine & Rural Residency Programs