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| **Time:** 10AM | **Date**: October 19, 2021 | **Location:** zoom |
| **Board Members Present:** Claire Parde, Ann Abdella, Susan Williams, Anne Marie Snell, Kris Steigler,Nancy McGraw, Mandy Qualls,  Katy Cook, Shari Weiss  **Excused:** Helen Evans, Bryan O’Donovan,Paul Pettit,Marie Mongeon, Ali Coates, Liz Urbanski-Farrell, Rob Wingate  **Staff Present:** Sara Wall Bollinger, Ella James | | |
| Topic | Discussion | Action/Conclusions |
| 1. **Call to Order** | Claire Parde is the new Chair of this Committee |  |
| 1. **Policy Panel at Symposium** | Feedback: Good interaction among Panelists. Clearly good preparation. Good value to NYSARH and our members. | Plan to do similar next year |
| 1. **Approval of Minutes** | Minutes of September 21 (Susan/Katy) | Approved |
| 1. **Meeting Time** | October is the beginning of a new ‘board year’. | Keep meetings Third Tuesday at 10AM |
| 1. **Strategy for EMS Paper** | Discussion: Send to partner organizations/associations; send to Hinchey & Santabarbara; send to members of both Health Committees; publish on NYSARH website with banner on home page; get advice from the Commission on Rural Resources | Sara will reach out to Hal McCabe |
| 1. **Preliminary Strategy for Albany Advocacy** | Zoom meetings with legislators allow more NYSARH members to participate. Plan to do the briefing as a recorded zoom mid-January. Invite AARP [rural disparities] to be one of the panelists; also Behavioral Health, Homecare/LTC; check with partners. Do we need to go to Albany?  Top Issues   * Adequate Funding (return to FULL funding for RHN, RAH, AHEC)   - use graph   * Workforce nurses (interstate licensure)DSP, home health * Broadband * EMS * Rural Health Council | Sara will inquire re: if in-person visits are encouraged or not |
| 1. **New Governor** | Tina Kim is the new Assistant Secretary for Health [formerly Megan Baldwin] | Sara will try to connect |
| 1. **CDC funding** | Status is unknown | Claire will speak with Karen Madden |
| 1. **Adjourn** | Next meeting November 16th at 10AM  Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82871716252](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82871716252&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1635781536201596&usg=AOvVaw2FYtSrowFpjZj8ZOjO9yw0) |  |