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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)

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* 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 10AMJoin 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) |  |