



**Department  
of Health**

# Conversation with the Commissioners

## SPECIAL EDITION: Updated Mission, Vision and Values

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# Definition of Health

"Health is a state of optimal physical, mental and social well-being."

"Health equity" shall mean achieving the highest level of health for all people and shall entail focused efforts to address avoidable inequalities by equalizing those conditions for health for those that have experienced injustices, socioeconomic disadvantages, and systemic disadvantages.

## New York Public Health Law – Article 2F

*Intentional....not everyone has the same starting point or the same advantages, yet everyone deserves a fair and just opportunity for the best health outcomes...*

"Health disparities" shall mean measurable differences in health status, access to care, and quality of care as determined by race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, a preferred language other than English, gender expression, disability status, aging population, immigration status, and socioeconomic status.

**New York Public Health Law – Article 2F**

*"It's about outcomes"*

"Social determinants of health" shall mean life-enhancing resources, such as availability of healthful foods, quality housing, economic opportunity, social relationships, transportation, education, and health care, whose distribution across populations effectively determines the length and quality of life.

**New York Public Health Law – Article 2F**

*"We can all have the same advantages"*

# What are Social Determinants of Health?



# Equality doesn't mean Equity



# Mission, Vision and Values



## Mission

To protect and promote health and well-being for all, building on a foundation of health equity.

## Vision

New York is a healthy community of thriving individual and families.

## Values

Public Good • Integrity • Innovation • Collaboration • Excellence • Respect • Inclusion

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## Statement on Health Equity

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# Foundational Concepts

## DEFINITION OF HEALTH

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## HEALTH EQUITY ELEVATOR PITCH

Health equity means everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be healthy.

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# Health Equity: The Center of Who We Are



# NYS Department of Health Priorities

HEALTH INFORMATION  
SYSTEM MODERNIZATION

Modernizing systems to improve data collection, integration and accessibility.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS  
& RESPONSE

Preparing for, and responding to, public health emergencies.

HEALTH CARE  
ACCESS FOR ALL

Increasing access and removing barriers to high-quality care.

HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM

Creating alignment to ensure responsive service delivery for all.




MODERN & MISSION-DRIVEN  
WORKFORCE

Strengthening the Department of Health, healthcare and public health workforce.

PREVENTION, WELL-BEING &  
COMMUNITY

Using a preventative approach to address social, behavioral and environmental factors that influence health.

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