

County of Albany

Harold L. Joyce
Albany County Office Building
112 State Street - Albany, NY 12207



Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 8, 2025

6:30 PM

**William J. Conboy II Legislative Chambers
Albany County Courthouse**

Personnel Committee

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR SAID POSITION AND AMENDING THE 2025 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET



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MICHAEL P. McLAUGHLIN, JR.
DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

July 31, 2025

Hon. Joanne Cunningham,
Chairwoman Albany County Legislature
112 State Street.,
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Chairwoman Cunningham,

The Albany County Executive's Office respectfully requests authorization to appoint Kristen Navarette for the Commissioner of the Department of Health to a six-year term starting on September 8, 2025 and ending September 7, 2031. This is in accordance with Section 901 of the Albany County Charter.

Kristen lives in the Capital Region and is exceptionally qualified for the position, and it is with great faith in her abilities that I also request a residency waiver.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
James Curran, Minority Counsel



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-6715, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Appointment and Residency Waiver for Kristen Navarette as the Commissioner of the Department of Health

Date: 07/24/2025
Department: County Executive
Attending Meeting: Jack Rosenzweig
Submitted By: Jack Rosenzweig
Title: Policy Analyst
Phone: 518-447-7043

Purpose of Request: Other (State if not Listed) Appointment

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:
Enter text.

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 09/08/2025-09/07/2031
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Enter text.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐
Anticipated in Budget: Yes ☐ No ☒
Spreadsheet attached: Yes ☒ No ☐

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Enter text. County: 100
State: Enter text. Local: Enter text.

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: Enter text.
Revenue Amount: Enter text.
Appropriation Account and Line: Enter text.
Appropriation Amount: Enter text.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☒ No ☐
If Mandated, Cite Authority: Albany County

Request for Bids / Proposals:

Competitive Bidding Exempt: Yes ☐ No ☒

of Response(s): Enter text.

of MWBE: Enter text.

of Veteran Business: Enter text.

Bond Resolution No.: Enter text.

Apprenticeship Program Yes ☐ No ☒

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number and Date: Enter text.

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

This RLA is for the appointment and residency waiver for Kristen Navarette for the position of commissioner of the Department of Health. Kristen meets and exceeds the requirements for the position, as shown in the attached resume. Kristen would also require a residency waiver, as she does not currently live in Albany County.

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BUDGET LINE					DESCRIPTION
FUND	ORG	OBJ	FOR POSITIONS ONLY		
			STATE POS. CODE	POSITION CONTROL	
A	4010	110147		1	Commissioner of Public Health
					TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

					ESTIMATED REVENUES
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INCREASE	DECREASE	UNIT COST	DEPARTMENT NAME
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\$250,000.00

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INCREASE	DECREASE	UNIT COST	DEPARTMENT NAME
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Curriculum Vitae

Kristen A. Navarette, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.P., DipABLM



EDUCATION

State University of Albany School of Public Health - Albany, NY 2016 – 2018

Masters in Public Health
Concentration: Population Medicine
Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health

Albany Medical College - Albany, NY 2006 – 2012

Doctor of Medicine

Siena College - Loudonville, NY 2002 – 2006

Bachelor of Arts, *Magna Cum Laude*, in Biology
Minor in Franciscan Service and Advocacy
Alpha Kappa Alpha Honor Society
Siena/AMC Program in Science, Humanities and Medicine

POST-GRADUATE TRAINING

New York State Department of Health – Albany, NY 2016 – 2018

Fellowship in Applied Public Health
Jointly sponsored certificate program by the New York State Department of Health and the University at Albany School of Public Health, which provides education in the academic and practical skills necessary to work effectively in public health, preparing physicians for leadership careers in the field, and includes work on a variety of practicum projects.

The Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center – Albany, NY 2012 – 2015

Pediatric Internship and Residency

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center – Albany, NY 2015 – present

Assistant Professor in Pediatrics, General Pediatrics

MVP Health Care – Schenectady, NY 2021 – 2025

Sr. Medical Director, Quality and Whole Person Health (2024 – 2025)
Medical Director, Clinical Collaboration & Product Performance Management (2022 – 2024)
Medical Director, Medicaid Product Performance Management (2021 – 2022)
Medical Director, Medical Direction (2021)

New York State Department of Health – Albany, NY 2018 – 2020

Medical Director, Center for Environmental Health
New York State Coronavirus 2019 Response Team
New York State Measles Outbreak Response Team

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

MVP Health Care Whole Person Health Leader 2024 – 2025

Collaborate with executive and senior leadership to lead the development of an enterprise-wide strategy for whole person health as part of the company's strategic transformation; ensuring customer need, quality, and health equity as foundational pillars to drive person-centered care. Within the whole person health strategy implementation, directed the development and execution of population-focused enterprise-aligned service lines tied to key population health outcomes, as well as led the strategic transformation of core clinical operations and the development of community and provider partnership ecosystem through value-based arrangements. Developed wellness transformation strategy, leading with a lifestyle medicine framework and leveraging behavioral science and emerging technology to advance capabilities for connecting patients with personalized next-best actions to promote and restore health and wellness.

- MVP Health Care Product Performance Management Leader** 2022 - 2024
Lead a team of 4 medical directors and 2 professionals to develop the product performance management strategy and the corresponding portfolio of initiatives to achieve stated goals. Collaborate with executive and senior leadership to gain consensus and allocate resources for the deployment of the portfolio. The portfolio includes Medicare, Medicaid, and Commercial lines of business initiatives that support membership growth and prioritize positive customer experience. The portfolio has culminated in over \$71.3M of projected savings and \$16.3M in projected revenue for calendar years 2023-25.
- MVP Health Care Clinical Collaboration Leader** 2022 - 2024
Collaborate with executive and senior leadership to provide clinical leadership in the development of key strategies including virtual care, quality improvement, and care management. Lead a team of 4 medical directors to support the execution of company strategies including digital services and virtual care, strategic provider experience and relationships, customer wellness, digital transformation, quality improvement, and care management including home and community-based services program. Advise Chief Medical Officer through participation on Health Management Leadership team. Participate in clinical governance activities through voting role on multiple committees, including company leadership and policy development for credentialing committee.
- American Academy of Pediatrics Chapter Climate Advocate NY Chapter 1 Representative** 2019 – 2022
Serve as a NY Chapter 1 Representative to promote state and federal level action, advocacy, and member engagement on the issue of climate change and children's health.
- New York State Department of Health COVID-19 Policy & Guidance Coordination Lead** 2020
Working directly with the Office of the Commissioner and the Governor's Office to coordinate statewide COVID-19 policy and guidance document development, clearance and issuance for the New York State Department of Health Coronavirus 2019 Response Team, including working with relevant stakeholders during policy development process and assisting various areas of the Department with policy implementation.
- New York State Department of Health EVALI Epidemiologic Investigation Lead** 2019 – 2020
Coordinate reports of illness from clinicians with NYS Poison Control Centers to conduct investigation into vaping related illnesses, including case investigation and epidemiologic data analysis, clinical specimen collection and analysis, and product specimen collection and analysis in collaboration with NYS Department of Health Wadsworth Laboratory, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Food and Drug Administration.
- New York State Department of Health All-hazards Planning Workgroup** 2019 – 2020
Participate in workgroup by providing subject matter expertise to assist the Department in developing emergency preparedness plans, including the Pediatric Surge Annex.
- NYS Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team** 2019 – 2020
Appointed representative for New York State Department of Health to fatality review team, which seeks to reduce domestic violence and improve system response to domestic violence in New York State through close examination of domestic violence deaths.
- New York State Department of Health Harmful Algal Bloom Illness Surveillance Lead** 2019 – 2020
Coordinate reports of harmful algal bloom illness cases from local health departments to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's One Health Harmful Algal Blooms (OHHABs) illness surveillance program.
- New York State Department of Health First 1,000 Days Home Visiting Workgroup** 2019
Participate in workgroup to identify key reimbursement and programmatic barriers, and make recommendations for potential solutions to the Department's Medicaid program for Statewide Home Visiting, one of the proposals of the First 1,000 Days ten-point agenda, which focuses on enhancing access to services and improving outcomes for children on Medicaid in their first 1,000 days of life.
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Early Career Physician Representative** 2017 – 2018
Serve as liaison for AAP District II Chapter 1 (Upstate New York Region) Section on Early Career Physicians (SOECP). Collaborate in the execution of the District II SOECP priorities, which include building a structure of engagement among early career physicians, networking among other sections of the AAP, SOECP districts nationally and local AAP leadership, and participate and support local AAP activities.
- American Academy of Pediatrics District II Delegate – Albany Medical Center, NY** 2013 – 2015
Serve as liaison between residency program, local AAP chapter, and Section of Medical Students, Resident and Fellowship Trainees; including representation and participation at annual Assembly at the AAP National Conference and Exhibition, resident education on AAP SOMSRFT goals and projects, and facilitate resident utilization of AAP resources.

PUBLICATIONS

- Rosenberg ES, Dufort EM, Blog DS, et al, **New York State Coronavirus 2019 Response Team**. COVID-19 testing, epidemic features, hospital outcomes, and household prevalence, New York State – March 2020. *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. 2020 Oct 15; 71(8): 1953–1959.
- Reagan-Steiner S, Gary J, Matkovic E, et al., on behalf of the **Lung Injury Response Pathology Working Group**. Pathological findings in suspected cases of e-cigarette, or vaping, product use – associated lung injury (EVALI): a case series. *Lancet Respir Med*. 2020 Aug 4; doi: [10.1016/S2213-2600\(20\)30321-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2213-2600(20)30321-0).
- Rosenberg ES, Hall EW, Rosenthal EM, et al, **New York State Coronavirus 2019 Response Team**. Monitoring Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) through trends in influenza-like illness, laboratory-confirmed influenza, and COVID-19 – New York State, Excluding New York City, 1 January 2020 – 12 April 2020. *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. 2020 May 31; doi: [10.1093/cid/ciaa684](https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciaa684).
- Werner AK, Koumans EH, Chatham-Stephens K, Salvatore PP, Armatas C, Byers P, Clark CR, Ghinai I, Holzbauer SM, **Navarette KA**, Danielson ML, Ellington S, Moritz ED, Petersen EE, Kiernan EA, Baldwin GT, Briss P, Jones CM, King BA, Krishnasamy V, Rose DA, Reagan-Steiner S. Hospitalizations and deaths associated with EVALI. *NEJM*. 2020 Apr 23; 382(17): 1589-1598.
- Duffy B, Li L, Lu S, Durocher L, Dittmar M, Delaney-Baldwin E, Panawennage D, LeMaster D, **Navarette K**, Spink D. Analysis of cannabinoid-containing fluids in illicit vaping cartridges recovered from pulmonary injury patients: identification of vitamin E acetate as a major diluent. *Toxics*. 2020 Jan 24; 8(1): 8.
- Nacca N, Schult RF, Li L, Spink DC, Ginsberg G, **Navarette K**, Marraffa J. Kratom adulterated with phenylethylamine and associated intracerebral hemorrhage: linking toxicologists and public health officials to identify dangerous adulterants. *J Med Toxicol*. 2020 Jan; 16: 71-74.
- Kalininskiy A, Bach CT, Nacca NE, Ginsberg G, Marraffa J, **Navarette KA**, McGraw MD, Croft DP. E-cigarette, or vaping, product use associated lung injury (EVALI): case series and diagnostic approach. *Lancet Respir Med*. 2019 Dec 1; 7(12): 1017-1026.

GRANTS & FUNDING

U01EH001367 – Principal Investigator: Kristen Navarette

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Amount Awarded: \$192,587

Period of Grant: 9/30/20 – 9/29/25

Project Title: Environmental Health Specialist Network (EHS-Net) Practice Based Research to Improve Food Safety in New York State

Tobacco Cessation Visiting Lectureship - Awardee

American Academy of Pediatrics Julius B. Richmond Center of Excellence

Amount Awarded: \$3,000

Project Period: April 2017

Project Description: Organized and hosted two-day visiting lectureship in collaboration with Albany Medical Center, NYS Department of Health, and University at Albany School of Public Health Maternal and Child Health Catalyst Program, with goals of building community relationships and foundations towards the creation of a sustainable education program for residents and students on the topic of tobacco cessation, and in support of a formal smoking cessation program for patients and families.

PRESENTATIONS

- Navarette K, Huber H, Panighetti E. Enhancing Digital Inclusion Through the Improvement of Broadband and Digital Literacy to Achieve Health Equity. Presentation at North Country Leadership Summit. September 28, 2023. Lake George, NY.
- Navarette, K. Pre-K to Grade 12 COVID-19 School Toolkit. Webinar Presentation: New York State Department of Health, COVID-19 Response Team. October 27, 2020. Albany, NY.
- Navarette K, Wilson K. EVALI: Diagnosis, Treatment and Public Health Implications. Grand Rounds Presentation at: Bernard and Millie Duker Children's Hospital, Albany Medical Center. October 20, 2020. Albany, NY
- Navarette, K. The NYS COVID-19 School Report Card: An Update for Schools and Districts. Webinar Presentation: New York State Department of Health, COVID-19 Response Team. September 8, 2020. Albany, NY.

- Navarette K. An Update on New York State Lead Initiatives and New Regulatory Requirements. Grand Rounds Presentation at:
- Grand Rounds: Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. December 4, 2019. Syracuse, NY
 - Grand Rounds: Bernard and Millie Duker Children's Hospital, Albany Medical Center, November 12, 2019. Albany, NY
 - Grand Rounds: Golisano Children's Hospital. October 22-23, 2019. Rochester, NY
 - Buffalo Pediatric Medical Society Meeting. October 17, 2019. Buffalo, NY
 - Lead Poisoning Prevention: A Collaborative Effort, at Teppan Hill, sponsored by Montefiore New York State Regional Lead Resource Center. October 4, 2019. Tarrytown, NY.
- Navarette K. Vaping: What NYS Providers Need to Know. Webinar Presentation with Healthcare Association of New York State. December 3, 2019. Albany, NY.
- Navarette K. Vaping-Associated Pulmonary Illness in New York State. Grand Rounds Presentation at: St. Peter's Hospital. September 18, 2019. Albany, NY.
- Navarette K. Non-fatal Strangulation – Taking a Public Health Approach. Guest Speaker Presentation at: New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence's conference "Responding to Non-Fatal Strangulation: Enhancing Public Health and Safety in New York State". May 16, 2019. Albany, NY.
- Navarette K. Fostering Clinical and Public Health Collaboration in Children's Environmental Health. Guest Speaker Presentation at: New York State Children's Environmental Health Center Annual Meeting. May 9, 2019. Albany, NY.
- Navarette, K. Keynote Speaker at Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York Award Ceremony. June, 2017. Lake George, NY.
- Navarette K. Improving Healthcare Provider Referrals. Webinar Presentation at: New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Women, Infant, and Adolescent Health - Maternal Infant Health and Home Visiting Program stakeholder meeting. March, 2017. Albany, NY.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

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| Sr. Medical Director, Quality and Whole Person Health – MVP Health Care | 2024 – 2025 |
| As Sr. Medical Director, Quality and Whole Person Health, responsible for development and execution of company's strategic transformation work related to quality and whole person health, including ensuring quality is foundational pillar to drive person-centered care. As leader of this program development, ensured population-focused enterprise-aligned service lines were tied to key population health outcomes, for which HEDIS performance in each target population (including women's health, maternity, child health, diabetes, chronic kidney disease and asthma) comprised the Phase 1 KPIs. | |
| Quality Improvement Program Measure Owner – MVP Health Care | 2024 – 2025 |
| As leader of wellness programming, accountable business owner for improvement of preventive care as measured by HEDIS performance, for all products including Medicaid, Child Health Plus, HARP, Essential Plan, Medicare, and Commercial. These included preventive wellness exams, dental visits, cancer screenings, immunizations, and other preventive screenings such as developmental and depression in primary care. | |
| NYS Pediatric Performance Improvement Project – MVP Health Care | 2021 |
| Provided clinical guidance to MVP Health Care's participation in NYS Office of Quality and Patient Safety Performance Improvement Project focusing on the rates of childhood developmental screening, hearing screening, and lead screening. | |
| Improving Lead Screening by NYS Healthcare Providers – NYS Department of Health, NY | 2019 – 2020 |
| Coordinate a multifaceted approach to improving health care provider lead screening at age 1 and age 2 in NYS including development of provider report card through a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention supported grant, conducting annual analysis of underperforming providers and development of ongoing communication plan and potential enforcement actions to increase screening rates among this cohort. | |
| Implementation of Social Screening in a Medical Home – Albany Medical Center, NY | 2017 – 2019 |
| Develop and implement practice-wide quality improvement for screening patients regarding social determinants of health, improving screenings for maternal depression, child development, and adolescent risks in a new standardized workflow. This new practice model includes enhanced coordinated community referrals for concerns identified through screening. | |
| Implementation and Assessment of a Formal Ethics and Professionalism Curriculum for Pediatric Residents in Improving Competency and Confidence – Albany Medical Center, NY | 2017 – 2019 |
| Use of a validated tool (Test of Resident Ethics Knowledge in Pediatrics: TREK-Peds) to evaluate resident knowledge in core concepts in ethics and professionalism as identified by the American Academy of Pediatrics, in an IRB-approved protocol, through development of a quarterly professionalism lecture series to improve confidence and competency. | |

Faculty Quality Improvement Committee – Albany Medical Center, NY 2016 – 2017
Worked collaboratively with other members of the Tobacco Quality Improvement Workgroup and Pediatric Asthma Team to coordinate an institution-wide tobacco cessation quality improvement initiative.

Pediatric Global Health Program – Albany Medical Center, NY 2013 – 2015
Designed a system of networking and collaboration for pediatric residents interested in pursuing work in global health. Worked in conjunction with advisor to develop curriculum and lecture series in Pediatric Global Health; which when combined with research or advocacy project in global health may lead to Certificate in Global Health for pediatric residents.

Improving Health Literacy in Rural Uganda – Ddegeya, Uganda 2011
Performed needs assessment of prescription literacy at rural Ugandan health clinic. Designed pilot program to improve literacy using pictograms and new prescription labeling system in an IRB approved protocol.

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

FAPH Admissions Committee Member – SUNY Albany School of Public Health, NY 2018 – present
Assist Fellowship in Applied Public Health Program Director in the admissions process; including recruitment, interviews, and applicant recommendations.

FAPH Advisory Council Member – SUNY Albany School of Public Health, NY 2018 – present
Provide Program Director advisement on program strategic planning, structure, funding, and curriculum.

Associate Clerkship Director of Pediatrics – Albany Medical College, NY 2017 – 2018
Responsible for assisting in the management of the pediatric clerkship for third-year medical students; including administrative management and maintenance of clerkship integrity through recruiting and developing new faculty sites, ensuring curriculum fidelity to Liaison Committee on Medical Education standards, mentoring and counseling of students, and direct teaching of students.

Pediatric Journal Club Faculty Preceptor – Albany Medical Center, NY 2017 – 2018
Assist residents in selecting appropriate current articles from pediatric literature and developing discussion guide, as well as precept monthly journal club discussion series.

Pediatric Resident Faculty Advisor – Albany Medical Center, NY 2017 – 2018
Mentor residents through the course of their residency in aspects of career and professional development; including educational goals and work-life integration through regular coaching.

Individualized Learning Plan Faculty Advisor – Albany Medical Center, NY 2015 – 2018
Assist residents in developing academic learning plans best fit to their individual learning style, through regular meetings and monitoring of their monthly progress.

Pediatric Interest Group Faculty Advisor – Albany Medical Center, NY 2015 – 2018
Provide guidance and mentorship to the medical student group that exposes students to the field of pediatrics, provides opportunities for interaction with physicians, residents, and patients, and education on the process of entering the field.

Story Time Stars Service Learning Program Faculty Advisor – Albany Medical Center, NY 2015 – 2018
Coordinate service learning program which trains and engages medical students to provide a brief parent intervention on reading with children to promote early childhood literacy at Albany Medical Center Outpatient Pediatric Clinic and various community partner organizations.

Reach Out and Read Program Coordinator – Albany Medical Center, NY 2013 – 2018
Coordinate national program at Albany Medical Center Outpatient Pediatric Clinic, which promotes early childhood literacy through education training pediatricians on importance of early reading, with anticipatory guidance given to parents and distribution of books to children at each wellness visit 6 months - 5 years of age. Activities include recruiting and training residents and volunteers, and applying for grants to obtain funding to support maintenance and expansion of programming.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

American Red Cross of Eastern New York Board, Chair Philanthropy 2025 – present
Advising organization and lead board committee in advancing stakeholder and corporate engagement, to drive philanthropic activities in support of the American Red Cross's Mission and operational activities.

- American Red Cross of Eastern New York Board Member At Large** 2024 – present
Member of the governing body for American Red Cross of New York; responsible for advising on financial and policy issues that shape the organizations strategic plans.
- Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York Board Member At Large** 2018 – present
Member of the governing body for Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York, and responsible for advising management on financial and policy issues that shape the council's strategic plans.
- Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York Troop Leader** 2015 – present
Lead a group of Girl Scouts (currently Cadette level), through weekly meetings and organizing of leadership and life-skill oriented activities, following the principles of the Girl Scouts of the USA.
- Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York Service Unit Volunteer** 2015 – present
Support Service Unit activities by organizing special events including annual mother daughter event and weekend Encampments for over 150 participants.
- Girl Scouts of Northeastern Chair Nominating and Board Development Committee, 2nd Vice Chair of the Board of Directors** 2024 – 2025
Lead development of the annual slate of Board of Directors and National Delegates for election at organization's Annual Meeting. Make recommendations for updates to organizational by-laws and board policies in collaboration with Council CEO and Board Chair. Advance board development through onboarding process for new board members, as well as support Board Chair and Council CEO in annual board training and retreat sessions.
- Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York National Delegate Alternate** 2022 – 2025
Represent Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York (GSNENY) at National Council Sessions in 2023 (Orlando, FL) and provide leadership, mentorship and guidance to our council's National Delegates as they participate in the election of Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) national board members and officers, vote on proposed amendments to GSUSA Constitution and various other proposals.
- Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York Board Chair** 2020 – 2024
Lead the governing body for Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York, serving over 10,000 girls and families in the Upstate New York area to deliver on the mission to provide preeminent leadership development which builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Ensure integrity and effectiveness of the board's governance role and work closely with the organization's Chief Executive Officer to facilitate financial stewardship and management of the Council, as well as maintaining effective relationships with board members and stakeholders.
- Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York National Delegate** 2008 – 11, 2017 – 2022
Represent Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York (GSNENY) at National Council Sessions in 2008 (Indianapolis, IN), 2017 (Columbus, OH) & 2020 (held virtually). Participate in the election of Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) national board members and officers, vote on proposed amendments to GSUSA Constitution and various other proposals. Provide follow-up guidance to the GSNENY board of directors for 3-year term of service.
- Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York Board Secretary** 2019 – 2020
Member of the governing body for Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York, and responsible for ensuring communication between the board, council management, and community stakeholders.
- Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York Membership Taskforce Committee Member** 2017 – 2018
Collaborate in the development of a strategic plan for increasing membership to double the current membership rate; through new initiatives, outreach, and organizational management and support, providing committee report to the GSNENY Board of Directors and GSNENY's Annual Meeting of delegates.
- Girl Scouts Northeastern New York Award Committee Member** 2006 – 2014
Assisted with the re-organization of the Award Committee Process, provided training workshops to Girl Scouts about the award process, reviewed project proposals and provided mentoring and feedback during project process.
- St. Michael's the Archangel Parish Council Member** 2019 – 2022
Participate in addressing the management of the financial and service delivery needs of the parish.

St. Michael's the Archangel Healthcare Ministry Member 2015 – 2018
Participate in addressing the physical, spiritual, and health related needs of the parish and provide programs and services to address these needs.

American Cancer Society Legislative Ambassador 2005 – 2007
Worked with ACS to gain community support and to advocate at all levels of government to promote policies, including attendance at the Celebration on the Hill '06 Event in Washington, D.C.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Women Of Excellence 2024
Capital Region Chamber, Women's Business Council
Excellence in the Professions

Day of Honors Commissioner Award 2019
NYS Department of Health
Public Health Impact: Assessing the Dangers of Vaping

Day of Honors Commissioner Award 2019
NYS Department of Health
State and Local Government Partnership: Measles Outbreak Response

Girl Scout Gold Award Recipient 2002
Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York

LICENSURE & BOARD CERTIFICATION

American Board of Pediatrics	2017 – present
American Board of Lifestyle Medicine	2024 – present
New York State Licensed Physician	2015 – present
Vermont State Licensed Physician	2021 – present

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Pediatrics
NY District II, Chapter 1
Council on Children and Disasters (COCD)
Council on Communications and Media (COCM)
Council on Community Pediatrics (COCN)
Council on Environmental Health and Climate Change (COEHCC)
Council on Injury, Violence & Poison Prevention (COIVPP)
Council on Improvement and Patient Safety (COQIPS)
Section on Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics (SODBP)
Section on Epidemiology, Public Health, & Evidence (SOEPHE)
Section on Infectious Disease (SOID)
Section on Tobacco Control

American College of Lifestyle Medicine
Innovators Council
Primary Care Member Interest Group
Women's Health Member Interest Group
Pediatric and Adolescent Member Interest Group

Capital District Pediatric Society

RESOLUTION NO. 354

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR SAID POSITION AND AMENDING THE 2025 ALBANY COUNTY BUDGET

Introduced: 9/8/25

By Personnel Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 541 for 2023, this Honorable Body established a limited residency requirement for select positions in County government, including Commissioner and Director positions subject to confirmation by the Albany County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has indicated that following a diligent search, no qualified candidates were located residing within Albany County, and

WHEREAS, The Personnel Committee of the Albany County Legislature has been satisfied that there exists a shortage of qualified Albany County residents to fill the position of Commissioner of the Department of Health, and recommends that approval in accordance with the requirements of Resolution No. 541 for 2023 be granted, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has recommended Kristen Navarette for appointment for the position of Commissioner of the Department of Health, subject to the confirmation of the Albany County Legislature pursuant to Article 3, Section 302(c) of the Albany County Charter, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has indicated that a budget amendment is necessary to establish the salary for said position, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the consideration of out-of-county applicants to fill the position of Commissioner of the Department of Health is hereby granted in accordance with the requirements of Resolution No. 541 for 2023 in order to fill said position, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, pursuant to Article 3, Section 302(c) of the Albany County Charter that the appointment of Kristen Navarette of Troy, New York as the Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Health, to serve for a term of six years, at the salary appropriated in the Annual County Budget, is hereby confirmed, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2025 Albany County Budget is hereby amended to reflect the annual salary of position A4010 1 1014 001 Commissioner Public Health is \$250,000, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.