

**Public Health and Health Planning Council**  
**Health Planning Committee**  
**Reducing Emergency Department Boarders: Behavioral Health Patients Workgroup**

**Thursday, May 4, 2023**  
**1 – 3 p.m.**

**I. AGENDA**

- a. Welcome remarks from Dr. John Ruge and explanation of purpose for Workgroup meetings
- b. Introductions
  - i. Health Planning Committee (HPC) participants
  - ii. NYS Department of Health participants
  - iii. NYS Office of Mental Health participants
- c. Problem Summary:
  - i. ED Overcrowding Caused by Boarding of Patients in the ED Generally
  - ii. Unique Challenges Posted by Boarding of Behavioral Health/Psychiatric Cases
- d. Current Landscape: Existing programs that can ease boarding of behavioral health patients in EDs
- e. Reform Possibilities: Discussion of possible avenues for reform
- f. Closing Remarks and Next Steps
  - i. Full Committee Meeting Date (TBD; tentatively June 26, 2023)
  - ii. Assignment for HPC members: Come to Full Committee Meeting with preliminary draft reform suggestions on this Workgroup topic