

**Luncheon Keynote:
Thurman & Patti Thomas**



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8:15am

Welcoming Remarks



Eric Linzer
President & CEO
NY Health Plan Association

8:30am

Opening Keynote: Caring for NY



Commissioner James V. MacDonald
New York State Department of Health

10:15am

How Racism Affects Health



Junior Harewood,
Chief Executive Officer, New York
UnitedHealthCare

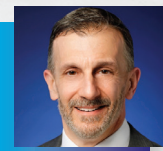
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Jamila Michener
Associate Professor, Co-Director,
Cornell Center for Health Equity
Cornell University

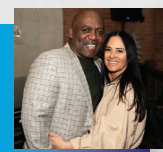
12:30pm

**The Importance of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
to the Delivery System and Our Economy**



Michael Edbauer, D.O., President
Highmark Western and Northeastern
New York

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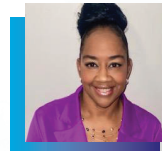
Thurman Thomas
Pro Football Hall of Famer, owner 34 group,
and philanthropist, The Thurman Thomas
Family Foundation
Patti Thomas
Artist, owner 34 Group, and philanthropist,
The Thurman Thomas Family Foundation

9:00am

Empowering Patients Through Public Health



Talya Schwartz, MD
President & CEO
MetroPlus Health Plan
MODERATOR



Neenah Bland
Executive Director
Albany Community
Action Partnership



Hon. Amy Paulin
Chair, NY State Assembly
Health Committee



Sarah Ravenhall
Executive Director
NY State Association of
County Health Officials

10:45am

The Challenge of Affordability for Care, Cost & Coverage



Brian O'Grady
President, Health Plan
Markets
Capital District Physicians
Health Plan (CDPHP)
MODERATOR



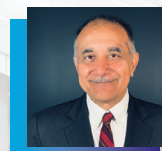
Hon. Michaele Solages
NY State Assembly
Chair, Black, Puerto
Rican, Hispanic & Asian
Legislative Caucus



Nancy Beaulieu, Ph.D.
Research Associate
Department of Health
Care Policy
Harvard Medical School



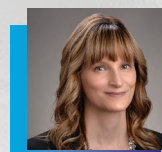
Alex Bryson
Senior Attorney,
Mergers IV Division,
Bureau of Competition,
Federal Trade
Commission



Vikas Saini, MD
President,
Lown Institute

1:30pm

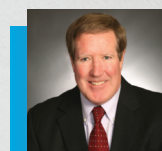
A View from the Marketplace



Kathy Preston
Executive Vice President
NY Health Plan Association
MODERATOR



Andrew Biernat
Past President, Media/
Membership Chair,
National Association of
Benefits and Insurance
Professionals,
New York State Chapter



Edward Farrell
Executive Director
Retired Public
Employees Association



Nic Rangel Esq., M.P.A.,
Executive Director
Legal Aid Society
of Northeastern
New York