

# NY STATEWIDE SENIOR ACTION COUNCIL'S 2021 VIRTUAL CONVENTION Zoom Into the Future



## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

10:00 AM - Noon

**Adoption of the Public Policy Agenda**  
(Members Only)

## 2021 CONVENTION

## TUESDAY, OCT 12

10:00 AM—Noon

### WELCOME MESSAGES

**Mario Henry**, Board President, StateWide  
**Hon. Charles Schumer\***, U.S. Senator  
**Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand\***, U.S. Senator

### The Future of Aging and Health

Speakers: **Kathleen Otte**, CMS Regional Director; **Rhonda Schwartz**, ACL Regional Director

**BREAK (1 hour)**

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

### Executive Director Report

Speaker: **Maria Alvarez**, StateWide Executive Director

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

### StateWide's Community Telehealth Access

**Program (CTAP)** Speakers: **Stefania Buta** and **Melissa Kinney**, Community Outreach Organizers, Central NY

\*Invited

## TUESDAY, OCT 12

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

### Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Speakers: **Michael Burgess**, Community Caregivers; **Kim Swire**, Shenendehowa Neighbors Connecting; **Nina Lynch**, Rhinebeck at Home

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

### The Future of Social Security & Medicare

Speaker: **Dan Adcock**, National Committee to Protect Social Security and Medicare

## WEDNESDAY, OCT 13

10:30 AM—12:00 PM

### Fighting Fraud, Protecting Your Future

Speaker: **Gary Brown**, Statewide Elder Abuse Coordinator, NYS Attorney General's Office

### Health Care Fraud on a National Level

Speaker: **Rebecca Kinney**, Director, Office of Healthcare Information and Counseling (OHIC), Administration for Community Living (ACL)

### Take Charge: How to Prevent Healthcare

**Fraud** Speaker: **Beth Nelson**, NYS SMP Director; **Ken Luft**, SMP Volunteer; **Michele Rogers**, SMP Volunteer

Medicare, Medicare Fraud and Patient's Rights Helpline 800-333-4374

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**BREAK (1 hour)**

**1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

### **Medicare Benefits Update**

Speaker: **Eric Hausman**, Medicare Expert,  
StateWide Consultant

**2:30 PM - 4:00 PM**

### **The Future of Hospital and Nursing Home Care**

Speakers: **Amanda Dunker**, Community  
Services Society;

**Cynthia Rudder**, PhD StateWide

Consultant leading our **Virtual Resident  
Family Action Council**

**Lois Uttley**, Women's Health Program  
Director, Community Catalyst

## THURSDAY, OCT 14

**1:00 PM - 1:30 PM**

### **Introduction to Advocacy**

Speakers: **Barb McBurnie**, **Mary Pritchard**,  
**Bob Sinacore**, StateWide Public Policy  
Committee members

## THURSDAY, OCT 14

**1:30 PM - 2:45 PM**

### **Emerging Public Policy Issues**

Speakers: **Lara Kassel**, Coalition  
Coordinator, Medicaid Matters NY

**Sarah Ludwig**, Founder and Co-Director,  
New Economy Project

**Blair Horner**, Executive Director, NYPIRG

**Randy McCullough**, Deputy Executive  
Director, NYS Funeral Directors  
Association

**3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

### **Legislator Panel**

Panelists: **Assemblymember Gottfried**,  
NYS Assembly Health Committee Chair;

**Assemblymember Kim**,  
NYS Assembly Aging Committee Chair;

**Senator May**, NYS Senate Aging  
Committee Chair;

**Senator Rivera**, NYS Senate Health  
Committee Chair

**4:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

### **Taking it Home**

Speaker: **Gail Myers**, StateWide Deputy  
Director

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