## Arizona Rural & Public Health Policy Forum

**February 6, 2024**  
**Virginia G. Piper Auditorium, Phoenix, AZ**

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<td>Daniel Derksen, MD, Walter H. Pearce Endowed Chair &amp; Director, Arizona Center for Rural Health, Professor of Public Health, Medicine &amp; Nursing</td>
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<td>Holly Figueroa, President, Arizona Rural Health Association</td>
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<td>General Session - Governor’s Health Policy Advisor’s Update</td>
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<td>Zaida Dedolph, Health Policy Advisor, Office of Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs</td>
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<td>Carmen Heredia, Director, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System</td>
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<td>The Good, the Bad, and the ugly: 2024 Threats and Opportunities for Arizona Hospitals</td>
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<td>Meghan McCabe, Vice President, Policy and Advocacy, Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association</td>
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<td>Policy Approaches to Addressing Lack of Access to Specialty Care</td>
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<td>Julie Armin, Assistant Professor, Department of Family &amp; Community Medicine, The University of Arizona</td>
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<td>Nancy Johnson RN, PhD, Senior Director Strategy, The University of Arizona</td>
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<td>Scott Howell, Director of Public Health Dentistry &amp; Teledentistry, A.T. Still University, Arizona School of Dentistry &amp; Oral Health</td>
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<td>Closing Care Gaps Through Telehealth Policy and Broadband Access</td>
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<td>Tara Sklar, Faculty Director, Health Law &amp; Policy Program, Arizona Law; Associated Director, Telehealth Law &amp; Policy, Arizona Telemedicine Program, The University of Arizona</td>
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<td>AACHC <em>(invited)</em></td>
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<td>Will Humble, Executive Director, Arizona Public Health Association</td>
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<td>General Session - Health Professions Education Updates</td>
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<td>Kevin Lohenry, PhD, PA-C, Clinical Professor of Medicine and Vice-President, Interprofessional Education; Founding Program Director, PA Program University of Arizona</td>
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