

Arizona Rural & Public Health Policy Forum

February 6, 2024

Virginia G. Piper Auditorium, Phoenix, AZ

7:30-9:00 am Check-in and Light Breakfast

8:00 am Welcome and Kickoff

Daniel Derksen, MD, Walter H. Pearce Endowed Chair & Director, Arizona Center for Rural Health, Professor of Public Health, Medicine & Nursing

Holly Figueroa, President, Arizona Rural Health Association

8:30 - 9:00 am **General Session - Governor's Health Policy Advisor's Update**

Zaida Dedolph, Health Policy Advisor, Office of Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs

9:00 - 10:00 am **General Session - AHCCCS and ADHS (*invited*)**

Carmen Heredia, Director, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

10:15-10:45 am **Breakout Sessions**

1 **Tribal Health Policy Focus TBD**

2 **The Good, the Bad, and the ugly: 2024 Threats and Opportunities for Arizona Hospitals**

Meghan McCabe, Vice President, Policy and Advocacy, Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association

3 **Policy Approaches to Addressing Lack of Access to Specialty Care**

Julie Armin, Assistant Professor, Department of Family & Community Medicine, The University of Arizona

Nancy Johnson RN, PhD, Senior Director Strategy, The University of Arizona

10:45-11:15 am **Break and Networking with Exhibitors**

11:30 am - 12:00 pm **Breakout Sessions**

1 **Bridging the Gap: Enhancing Oral Health Services and Policies in Arizona**

Scott Howell, Director of Public Health Dentistry & Teledentistry, A.T. Still University, Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health

2 **Closing Care Gaps Through Telehealth Policy and Broadband Access**

Tara Sklar, Faculty Director, Health Law & Policy Program, Arizona Law; Associated Director, Telehealth Law & Policy, Arizona Telemedicine Program, The University of Arizona

3 **AACHC (*invited*)**

12:00-1:00 pm **Luncheon with Networking**

1:00-1:45 pm **General Session - AZPHA Legislative Priorities: 2024**

Will Humble, Executive Director, Arizona Public Health Association

2:00 - 2:45 pm **General Session - Health Professions Education Updates**

Kevin Lohenry, PhD, PA-C, Clinical Professor of Medicine and Vice-President, Interprofessional Education; Founding Program Director, PA Program University of Arizona

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2:45-3:00 pm **Closing Remarks**



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