Arizona Rural & Public Health Policy Forum
February 6, 2024
Virginia G. Piper Auditorium, Phoenix, AZ
Morning Sessions

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

Welcome and Kickoff 
Daniel Derksen, MD, Walter H. Pearce Endowed Chair & Director, Arizona Center for Rural Health, Professor of Public Health, Medicine & Nursing, The University of Arizona
Holly Figueroa, President, Arizona Rural Health Association

8:00 am  
General Session - Governor’s Health Policy Advisor’s Update 
Zaida Dedolph, Health Policy Advisor, Office of Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs

8:30 - 9:00 am  
General Session - AHCCCS and ADHS 
Carmen Heredia, Director, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
Jennie Cunico, Director, Arizona Department of Health Services

9:00 - 10:00 am  
Breakout Sessions
Auditorium
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

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, Globlal MD, The University of Arizona Health Sciences

Addressing Arizona’s Health Workforce Needs–Issues and Solutions 
Bryna Koch, Assistant Research Professor, Arizona Center for Rural Health, Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, The University of Arizona

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

10:45-11:15 am  
Breakout Sessions
Auditorium
Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers (AACHC) 
Jessica Yanow, President and CEO, AACHC

Room 2206
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

Room 2208
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

11:30 am - 12:00 pm  
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