

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

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, The University of Arizona

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

Carmen Heredia, Director, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Jennie Cunico, Director, Arizona Department of Health Services

10:15-10:45 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

Room 2206

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, Global MD, The University of Arizona Health Sciences

Room 2208

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

10:45-11:15 am

Break and Networking with Exhibitors

11:30 am - 12:00 pm

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



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Afternoon Sessions

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, The University of Arizona

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

2:45-3:00 pm

Closing Remarks

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