50th Annual
Arizona Rural Health Conference

June 4 & 5, 2024
High Country Conference Center, Flagstaff, AZ

Celebrating More Than 50 Years of Connecting Arizona

The University of Arizona
Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health
Center for Rural Health
Day 1: Tuesday, June 4

7:15–2:00  Check-in and On-site Registration
7:15–9:00  Continental Breakfast
8:00–8:45 Humphreys  Welcome, Blessing, Opening Remarks; Looking back at how far we have come in 50 years
Carlos Gonzales, MD, Assistant Vice President, Indigenous Affairs
Associate Professor, Family and Community Medicine, College of Medicine
Tucson, University of Arizona
Daniel Derksen, MD, Director, Arizona Center for Rural Health & Associate Vice President for Health Equity, Outreach & Interprofessional Activities, University of Arizona Health Sciences

8:45–9:30  GENERAL SESSION:
Federal Efforts For Advancing Rural Maternal Health
Kristen Dillon, Federal Office of Rural Health Programs, Chief Medical Officer, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

9:30–10:15  CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Humphreys  Social Determinants of Health Track
Environment and Health in Rural Arizona: Initiatives and Opportunities
Nathan Lothrop, PhD Associate Director, Western Environmental Science Technical Assistance Center for Environmental Justice
Amanda Aguirre, President & CEO Regional Center for Border Health, Inc. & San Luis Walk-In Clinic, Inc.; Former AZ State Senator

Doyle  Workforce Development Track
Developing a Culture of Teaching: Embedding Health Professions Education into the Fabric of a Community Health Center
Marica Martinic, Educational Director, North Country HealthCare
Sarah Coles, MD, Family Medicine Residency Program Director, North Country HealthCare

Abineau/Freemont  Addressing Health Disparities Track
Health Disparities and Cardiovascular Disease
Dulce Vivas Cruz, MPH Student, University of Arizona

Rees  Building Equitable Infrastructure Track
Many Shades of AZUL: Models and Measures for Mobile Programs
Nathan Watts, Project AZUL Rural Program Coordinator, Sahuarita Food Bank & Community Resource Center
Juan Arrendondo, Logistics Coordinator; Sahuarita Food Bank & Community Resource Center
Tania Felix, Health Education and Promotion Coordinator-- University of Arizona, Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, Department of Public Health Practice, Policy, and Translational Research, Primary Prevention Mobile Health Unit

10:15–10:45  Break and Networking
Day 1: Tuesday, June 4

10:45–11:30 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Humphreys**

Social Determinants of Health Track

Panel Discussion: Arizona AHEC Scholars Program Updates
Facilitator: Leila Barraza, J.D., M.P.H., Associate Professor, Director, Arizona Area Health Education Centers Program, Interim Department Chair, Public Health Practice, Policy & Translational Research, UArizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

**Doyle**

Workforce Development Track

Mastering Rural Medicine: A Roadmap Through Competency-Based Learning
Judith A Hunt MD, Assistant Clinical Professor UACOM-P/T, Regional Site Director
Jonathan Cartsonis MD, Associate Professor UACOMP Director, LIC Clerkship, UACOM-P

**Abineau/Freemont**

Addressing Health Disparities Track

Overview of Maternal Mental Health in Arizona
Dr. Kathryn Emerick, Assistant Clinical Professor, Psychiatry, College of Medicine Tucson, University of Arizona
Dr. Saira Kalia, Associate Professor, Psychiatry, College of Medicine Tucson, Director, Arizona Perinatal Psychiatry Access Line, University of Arizona

**Rees**

Building Equitable Infrastructure Track

Lung Cancer Screening in Rural Arizona: Experiences and Lifesaving Opportunities
Bridger Bodily, Student, Lung Health Assistant, Kingman Regional Medical Center
Adam Braze, D.O., KRMC Cardiothoracic Associates
John Ashurst, D.O., Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine

11:45–12:30 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Humphreys**

Social Determinants of Health Track

Building a Better Future: Community Engagement for Collective Action
Evelyn Whitmer, Area Agent State Collective Impact, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension
Rosie Stewart, Area Agent, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension
Hope Wilson, Area Agent, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension

**Doyle**

Workforce Development Track

Ensuring our workforce is prepared - A facilitated activity to inform curriculum development for NAU’s Public and Allied Health Programs
Allie Stender, Assistant Professor, Northern Arizona University Department of Health Services

**Abineau/Freemont**

Addressing Health Disparities Track

Rural Challenges in Suicide Prevention
Katie Brazaitis, PhD Assistant Clinical Professor, University of Arizona; Sole Proprietor Mountain View Mental Health, LLC

**Rees**

Building Equitable Infrastructure Track

Providing Health Care Equity through a Mobile Integrated Health program
Kyle Luginbyhl, Mobile Integrated Health Program Manager, Gila River Healthcare
Dr. Ryan Southworth, Medical Director, Gila River Healthcare
Alfreda Wise, Community Health Representative, Gila River Healthcare

12:30–1:45

Lunch and Networking - Lunch Session Arizona Rural Health Association
### 2:00–2:45 | CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Humphreys**

**Social Determinants of Health Track**

The Navajo Nation Nilch’ éí Bee Ííńá – Air is Life Act: The Passing of a Historic Commercial Tobacco Policy in the Navajo Nation  
Hershel Clark, Program manager, Southwest Navajo Tobacco Education Prevention Project  
Sierra Wilcox, Program Coordinator, Southwest Navajo Tobacco Education Prevention Project

**Doyle**

**Workforce Development Track**

Navigating Regulatory Risk in a Rapidly Changing Environment  
Sarah Badaham, Founder/president, HIPAAtrek

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**Addressing Health Disparities Track**

Innovating Access: Tackling Health Disparities in Rural Arizona with Denova Collaborative Health  
Silvia Garcia CAO, Denova Collaborative Health


### 3:00–3:45 | CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Humphreys**

**Social Determinants of Health Track**

Burning Questions: Using Community Feedback for Cannabis Education in Arizona  
Elena Cameron, Health Education Coordinator, University of Arizona Health Sciences Comprehensive Center for Pain and Addiction  
Sean P. Cronin, Project Manager, Comprehensive Center for Pain and Addiction

**Doyle**

**Workforce Development Track**

Transforming Medical Education: The Power of Longitudinal Integrated Curriculum (LIC)  
Judith A Hunt MD, Assistant Clinical Professor UACOM-P/T, Regional Site Director  
Gerilyn Trulove PA-C Specialty Instructor, Department of Family, Community and Preventive Medicine UACOM-P  
Dr. Jonathan Cartsonis MD, Associate Professor UACOMP Director, LIC Clerkship, UACOM-P

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**Addressing Health Disparities Track**

Pediatric Mental Health: Front-Line Provider Essentials  
Dr. Jacque Esque, Assistant Professor, Psychiatry, College of Medicine Tucson, University of Arizona  
Dr. Chad McWhinnie, Assistant Professor, Psychiatry, College of Medicine Tucson, University of Arizona

**Rees**

**Building Equitable Infrastructure Track**

Telehealth: Bridging Health Equity Gaps or Widening Disparities?  
Carrie Foote, BA, BS, Associate Director of Administration, Arizona Telemedicine Program  
Program Administrator, Southwest Telehealth Resource Center, College of Medicine Tucson, University of Arizona  
Michael J. Holcomb, BS, Interim Director & Associate Director of Information Technology, Arizona Telemedicine Program, College of Medicine Tucson, University of Arizona

### 3:45–5:00 | RECEPTION

**Research and Community Engagement Poster Session**
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|              | Sheila Sjolander, Deputy Director, Arizona Department of Health Services |
|              | Susan Robinson, Chief Strategy & Innovation Officer, Arizona Department of Health Services |
| 9:00–9:45    | **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**                                                |
| Humphreys    | Social Determinants of Health Track                                   |
|              | Neighborhood Deprivation and Risk of Gestational Diabetes Mellitus in Arizona  
|              | Kimberly Parra, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Harvard University        |
| Doyle        | Workforce Development Track                                            |
|              | Recruiting and Retaining International Medical Graduates to Meet Workforce Needs  
|              | Rachel Bus, Managing Attorney, Brelje & Bus Immigration Law, P.C.       |
| Abineau/Freemont | Addressing Health Disparities Track                                |
|              | Maternal and Child Health Strategies to Improve Outcomes in Rural Arizona  
|              | Aubri Perez, Maternal Health Program Manager, Arizona Department of Health Services,  
|              | Kiran Lalani, Infant and Child Health Epidemiologist, Arizona Department of Health Services |
| Rees         | Building Equitable Infrastructure Track                                |
|              | Arizona Clinical Trials Network (ACTN)                                |
|              | Linda Jepkoech Kimaru, PhD, MPH, Arizona Clinical Trials Network (ACTN) Program Manager, University of Arizona Cancer Center (UACC)  
|              | Alejandro Recio Boiles, MD, FACP; Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine and Assistant Director Community Outreach and Education (COE) UACC |
| 10:00–10:45  | **GENERAL SESSION**                                                    |
| Humphreys    | Graduate Medical Education                                            |
|              | Pending                                                               |
11:00–11:45  CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Humphreys**  Social Determinants of Health Track
- **Propositions on Arizona’s 2024 Ballot: What You Need to Know**
  - Will Humble, Executive Director, Arizona Public Health Association

**Doyle**  Workforce Development Track
- **Workforce Development and Improving Health Outcomes Through Practice-Based Research & QI**
  - Dr. Christy Pacheco, DNP, FNP-BC, Director, CON Rural Health Professions Program, Assistant Clinical Professor, University of Arizona College of Nursing

**Abineau/ Freemont**  Addressing Health Disparities Track
- **Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence in Rural Arizona**
  - Brooke Fulton, Director of Sexual Violence Initiatives, Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
  - Carrie Eutizi, Sexual Violence Response Coordinator, Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

**Rees**  Building Equitable Infrastructure Track
- **Arizona Library Resources and Programming**
  - Christine Tuttle, Arizona Talking Book Library
  - Laura Schweers, Program Manager, University of Arizona, MEZCOPH

12:00–1:30  LUNCH/GENERAL SESSION

**Future Forward**
- Daniel Derksen, MD, Director, Arizona Center for Rural Health & Associate Vice President for Health Equity, Outreach & Interprofessional Activities, University of Arizona Health Sciences