

7:15–2:00 **Check-in and On-site Registration**

7:00–9:00 **Continental Breakfast**

7:45–8:15 **Welcome, Blessing, Opening Remarks**

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

General Session: Gun Violence in Arizona: Data to Inform Prevention Policies

8:15–9:15 Will Humble, Executive Director, Arizona Public Health Association (AzPHA)

General Session

9:20–10:20 **An Update on the State of Arizona Public University Investments in the Physician Assistant Workforce: Building Bidirectional Paths for the Future**

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

Bettie Coplan, PhD, PA-C, Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Physician Assistant Studies, Northern Arizona University

10:20–11:10 *Break and Networking*

11:15–12:30 **Concurrent Sessions**

Social Determinants of Health Track

How to Design the Arizona Social Vulnerability Index Data Dashboard

Holly Starr, Data Equity Coordinator, Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS)

Matthew Roach, Vital Statistics Manager, ADHS

CommunityCares: Arizona's SDOH Solution for Whole Person Care

Diana Kramer, Manager, Social Determinants of Health, Contexture

Kelly McGann, Interim Director, Social Determinants of Health, Contexture

Workforce Development Track

Promotores, Peers, and Family Support Specialists: Opportunities for Rural Arizona

Bianca SantaMaria, Health Education and Promotion Professional, Arizona Center for Rural Health, University of Arizona

Kevin Phillips, Workforce Development Trainer, University of Arizona

An Ecological Approach to Increase Workforce Capacity for Addiction Prevention, Harm Reduction, and Treatment

Bridget Murphy, Assistant Research Professor, Arizona Center for Rural Health, Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona

Joyce Hospodar, MBA, MPA, Senior Advisor Rural Programs, Arizona Center for Rural Health, Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona

Sean P. Cronin, Program Manager AzCANN Program, Comprehensive Pain and Addiction Center, University of Arizona

Addressing Health Disparities Track

Implementation of Peer Support Specialists in a Rural Hospital and Healthcare System

Susy Salvo-Wendt, Project Director - Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) Implementation Grant, Summit Healthcare Association

Sean Hopley, RN, BSN, Director of Emergency Services, Summit Healthcare Regional Medical Center

Modern Medication Assisted Treatment Methods in Today's Rural America

Ergi Gumusaneli, CEO of Fitz Ilias Health and Technology, Clinical Instructor, University of Arizona

Building Equitable Infrastructure

Building Capacity of Rural Health Providers to Promote Maternal Mental Health: Launch of a Statewide Program

Saira Kalia, Director, Arizona - Perinatal Access Line, University Of Arizona, College of Medicine
Ruben Soliz, Federal Relations and Health Policy Advisor, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

Kathryn Emerick, MD, Co-Director, Arizona Perinatal Psychiatry Access Line (A-PAL)

Improving Maternal Outcomes by Expanding the Midwifery Workforce in Arizona Communities

Erin McMahon, Director, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Nurse-Midwife Program, University of Arizona

Lunch Session - And You Thought Rural Dentistry Was Just About Teeth!

12:30–2:00 Jack Dillenberg, MD, Dean Emeritus, Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health, A.T. Still University

2:10–3:25 Concurrent Sessions

Social Determinants of Health Track

Intellectual and Developmental Disability Access to Equitable Services & Resources

Melanie Soto, State Director, The Arc of Arizona

Engaging Arizonans to Make a Meaningful Impact

Susan Voirol, Collaboration Synergist, Diverse Ability Incorporated

Workforce Development Track

The University of Arizona Genetic Counseling Graduate Program: Addressing the Gap in Clinical Genetic Services in Arizona

Valerie Schaibley, Associate Director, UA Genetic Counseling Graduate Program, University of Arizona Health Sciences

Understanding Support Needs of the Advanced Practice Providers Workforce

Amy Wing, PA-C, Assistant Professor / Clinical Coordinator, Arizona School of Health Sciences, A.T. Still University

Addressing Health Disparities Track

Swing Bed Quality

Kristen Ogden, RN, Director of Quality Improvement, The Compliance Team
Jonathon Pantenburg, Principal, Wintergreen

Advance Care Planning: Tying A Community Ecosystem to the Success of an Advance Directive Registry

Carla Sutter, Sr. Health Directives Registry Operations Manager, Contexture - Arizona Healthcare Directives Registry

Building Equitable Infrastructure Track

Powering Community Health Workers (CHWs) in Rural: The Rural Arizona CHW Workforce Development Network in Action

Floribella Redondo Martinez, CEO, Arizona Community Health Worker Association (AzCHOW)
Junelhia Solorzano, Promotora/Supervisor, Winchester Heights Health Organization (WHHO),
Susan Kunz, Susan Kunz Consulting

3:30–5:00 **Reception**

3:45–4:30 **Research and Community Engagement Poster Session**

7:30–2:00 **Check-in and On-site Registration**

7:00–9:00 **Continental Breakfast**

General Session

8:00–8:30 **Federal Support for the Rural Health Ecosystem: Challenges and Opportunities**

Tom Morris, Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

8:40–9:20 **Concurrent Sessions**

Social Determinants of Health Track

Health Justice Gaps in Rural Communities: Two Case Studies in the Southwest

Gabriela Elizondo-Craig, Post-Graduate Fellow and Current M.S. in Environmental Health Sciences student, University of Arizona and Innovation for Justice Lab

Cayley Balser, Community-Engaged Research Operations Lead, Innovation for Justice Lab, University of Arizona

Workforce Development Track

Arizona Primary Care Office: Role and Current Workforce Programs

Edith Di Santo, Primary Care Office Chief, Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS)

Addressing Health Disparities Track

CONECTATE: Connecting Communities Through Community Health Worker (CHW) Workforce Development

Laura Aviles, Program coordinator, Yuma County Public Health Services District

Georgia Weiss-Elliott, Participatory Evaluation Specialist, Arizona Prevention Research Center (AzPRC)

Building Equitable Infrastructure Track

Cooperative Extension's Role in the Rural Health Ecosystem

Michele Walsh, Associate Director, Family, Consumer, and Health Sciences, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension

General Session

9:30–10:20 **Arizona Community Health Worker Voluntary Certification, Representative Billing, and Reimbursement**

Carin Watts, Health Disparities Program Manager, Arizona Department of Health Services

Alex Demyan, Interim Assistant Director, AHCCCS

Leslie Short, Integrated Services Administrator- AHCCCS

Ruben Soliz, Federal Relations and Health Policy Advisor- AHCCCS-

10:40–11:10 **Concurrent Sessions**

Social Determinants of Health Track

Arizona Librarians Fostering Resilient Rural Communities

Mona Arora, PhD, MSPH, Assistant Research Professor, Arizona Center for Rural Health, Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona

Lisa Lewis, President, Arizona Library Association

Workforce Development Track

Developing a Diverse Rural Healthcare Workforce: Recruitment, Retention and Clinical Training

Lillian Smith, Dean, College of Health and Human Services, Northern Arizona University

Gina Buban, Assistant Clinical Professor in Department of Occupational Therapy, Northern Arizona University

Louisa Marielle O'Meara, Research Coordinator, Senior, Center for Health Equity Research, Northern Arizona University

Addressing Health Disparities Track

End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Patients Staying Local in Rural America

Ron Kubit, CEO, TeleNeph

Rhonda Mason, COO / CNO, TeleNeph

Building Equitable Infrastructure Track

Workforce Development: Growing Our Own through Pipeline Programs to Job Placement and Beyond

Joena Ezroj, Director, Western Arizona Area Health Education Center (WAHEC)/Regional Center for Border Health

11:20–11:50

Concurrent Sessions

Social Determinants of Health Track

Proyecto Juntos A CHW Lead Initiative to Address Vaccine Hesitancy in Rural, Underserved Southeast Arizona

Amy Pacheco Mata, Program Coordinator for Vacunas Para Todos and Community Health Worker, Southeast Arizona Health Education Center

Taylor Fisher, Community Health Worker, Southeast Arizona Health Education Center

Workforce Development Track

Using Data to Inform Health Workforce Development

Bryna Koch, Assistant Research Professor, Arizona Center for Rural Health, Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona

Addressing Health Disparities Track

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities (CDC-CCR) Grant: Contribution to the Sustainability of Tribal Community Health Representative Programs in Arizona

Ashley Lazaro, Training Officer 1, Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care

Kiani Becerra, Grant Coordinator, Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care

Building Equitable Infrastructure

Enhancing Access to Urological Care For Rural Populations

Michal Tavrovsky, Co-Founder and Chief Commercial Officer, MenHealth

General Session

12:00–12:30

Arizona Rural Health Policy Update and Ideas for 2024 - Panel

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

Will Humble, Executive Director, Arizona Public Health Association

Carmen Heredia, Director, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

12:30–1:30

Lunch, Arizona Rural Health Association Updates and closing remarks