



RURAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS

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2024 Annual Membership Conference Agenda*

February 22–23, 2024 • Little Rock Marriott | 3 Statehouse Plaza

DAY ONE: LEGISLATIVE DAY		<i>Thurs., Feb. 22, 2024 • Salon C – Marriott Hotel</i>
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION AND LUNCH BUFFET	
12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joey Flowers, President <i>Rural Health Association of Arkansas</i> • Dr. Mark Jansen, Founder <i>Rural Health Association of Arkansas</i> 	
12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	OPENING PRESENTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Wilson, Director of Policy <i>Arkansas Center for Health Improvement</i> 	
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE PANEL DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative Aaron Pilkington (R) District 45 • Representative Justin Gonzales (R) District 89 • Representative Mary Bentley (R) District 54 • TBA 	
1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	KEYNOTE SPEAKER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator John Boozman 	
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	BREAK	
2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE PANEL DISCUSSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Missy Irvin (R) (Chair) District 24 • Senator Fred Love (D) District 15 • TBA • TBA 	
3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	FEDERAL CONGRESSIONAL PANEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madison Erstine, Senior Domestic Policy Advisor, <i>Senator Tom Cotton</i> • Bailey McCue, Federal Legislative Assistant, <i>Senator John Boozman</i> 	
4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	RECEPTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsored by CareSource 	
<i>Dinner on your own</i>		
6:00 p.m.	RHAA BOARD MEETING & DINNER <i>Pinnacle Room – Marriott Hotel</i>	

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DAY TWO: INNOVATION SOLUTIONS

Fri., Feb. 23, 2024 • Salon C – Marriott Hotel

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	NETWORKING BREAKFAST
8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	RURAL MATERNAL HEALTH ACCESS PANEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allan Nicholls, CEO <i>Mainline Health Systems</i> • Dr. Cameual Wright, Chief Medical Officer (Indiana) <i>CareSource</i> • Steve Smitherman, Indiana President <i>Care Source</i>
9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH: THE BOTTOM LINE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patty Harper <i>inQuiseek Consulting</i>
9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	NEW MODELS IN RURAL HEALTHCARE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital at Home <i>Katherine Prentice, Director of Hospital At Home</i> <i>St. Bernards Healthcare</i> • Rural Emergency Hospital <i>Brian Miller, CEO</i> <i>DeWitt Hospital & Nursing Home</i> • Rural School-Based Health Centers <i>Tamara Baker, Executive Director,</i> <i>School-Based Health Alliance of Arkansas</i> <i>School-Based Health Director, ARcare</i>
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	NEW MODELS OF COMMUNITY CARE IN RURAL PANEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Paramedic <i>Clay Hobbs, Chief Operations Officer</i> <i>Pafford Ambulance</i> • Opioid Treatment Mobile Unit <i>Dr. Kristen Martin, CEO</i> <i>River Valley Medical Wellness</i> • Community Health Workers <i>Lynn Hawkins, Vice President of Operations</i> <i>Arkansas Rural Health Partnership</i>
11:30 a.m.	ADJOURNMENT