

Pennsylvania Mountains Rural Health Conference Agenda

Healthcare Innovation

Thursday, November 20, 2025 | 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM | Kovalchick Center & Athletic Complex| Indiana, PA

Event Emcees: Jim Kinneer, PhD, Chief Human Resources Officer, Indiana Regional Medical Center (IRMC)

Lara Luetkehans, PhD, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP)

7:30 – 8:30 AM: Registration, Light Breakfast, and Networking - DeChurch Lobby

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Morning Sessions - Torette Auditorium

8:30 - 9:00 AM: Welcome Remarks - Torette Auditorium

- Bonni Dunlap, PhD, Indiana County Commissioner
- Michael Driscoll, PhD, President, IUP
- Steve Wolfe, RPh, President and CEO, IRMC

9:00 – 10:00 AM: Implications of H.R.1 and Opportunities Under the Rural Health Transformation Plan - Torette Auditorium

- **Moderator:** Miko Rose, DO, Founding Dean, IUP Proposed College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Valerie Arkoosh, MD, Secretary, Department of Human Services
- Debra Bogen, MD, Secretary, Department of Health
- Michael Humphreys, Pennsylvania Commissioner of Insurance
- Jason Kavulich, Pennsylvania Secretary of Aging

10:00 - 10:15 AM: BREAK

10:15 – 11:00 AM: Keynote Address - Torette Auditorium

- Nicole Stallings, President, Hospital and Healthcare System of Pennsylvania

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Panel: Government Impact on Rural Health - Torette Auditorium

- **Moderator:** Christina Koren, DEd, Director of Strategic Partnerships, IUP
- **Panelists**
 - Michele Brooks, Senator, 50th Senatorial District
 - Lindsey Mauldin, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor of Pennsylvania, Deputy
 - Joe Pittman, Pennsylvania General Assembly, Senator and Senate Majority Leader
 - Jim Struzzi, Pennsylvania General Assembly, Representative and Chair, Appropriations Committee, 62nd Legislative District
 - Arvind Venkat, MD, PA State Representative, 30th Legislative District

12:00 - 1:00 PM: Networking Lunch - PNC Room

- **Poster display - Phi Sigma Kappa Rooms 6 & 7**
- **Research Posters** will be displayed throughout the day, offering an opportunity to explore innovative ideas and findings at your convenience. From 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, the researchers will be present for a live Q&A session to discuss their work and answer your questions

1:00 – 2:00 PM: Panel: Healthcare Innovations in PA - Torette Auditorium

- **Moderator:** Hilliary Creely, JD, PhD, Assistant Vice Provost, IUP
- **Panelists:**
 - Michael Roth, Director of Innovation, PA Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary
 - Larry Nulton, PhD, President, Nulton Diagnostic and Treatment Center
 - Jeff Long, CEO Graystone
 - Mandi Paronish, Founder and CEO, Small Town Hope's Treehouse
 - Zane Gates, MD, Founder and CEO, Gloria Gates CARE

2:00 - 2:15 PM: BREAK

- Please don’t forget to visit the research poster display, presented by IUP faculty and students, held in the **Phi Sigma Kappa Rooms 6 & 7 rooms**. Snacks will be available.

Event Wi-Fi Access

Network: HawkNet

Password: ruralhealth

2:15 – 3:15 PM: Concurrent Sessions A

- **Breakout Session #1 - Theme:** Budget constraints, healthcare/mental–substance abuse funding, AI cost-cutting tools, rural **health** policy (e.g., AACOM/Tom Moore, Steve Davis on rural redesign), federal reimbursement programs, educator/provider crisis intervention strategies. – **Toretti Auditorium**
 - ❖ Moderator: Clark Simpson, MD, President and CMO, Punxsutawney Area Hospital
 - Panelists: **NEED NAMES**
- **Breakout Session #2 - Rural Health Innovation to the Classroom: K-12 Educator Workshop - PNC Room**
 - ❖ Moderator: Susan Griffith, DEd, Director of Curriculum and Educational Technology, ARIN IU28
 - Panelists:
 - Mariha Shields, DEd, Training and Consultation, ARIN IU28
 - Lacie Cook, MS, Curriculum Specialist, ARIN IU28
- **STUDENT ONLY SESSION - Breakout Session #3 – Advancement League Speakers – DeChurch LOBBY AREA? Or Phi Sigma Kappa Room???**
 - ❖ Moderator: Lisa Newell, Ph.D.
 - Panelists:
 - Alex Maiersperger, Advancement League Founder
 - Antwan Williams, Advancement League Founder

3:15 – 3:30 PM: BREAK

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3:30 – 4:30 PM: Concurrent Sessions B

- **Breakout Session #1 – Rethinking Rural Health – Preparing for the Future - Toretti Auditorium**
 - ❖ Moderator: Richard Neff, MD, Chief Medical Officer, IRMC
 - Panelists:
 - Travis Eckles, Senior Manager, Employee Benefits and Wellness at Sheetz
 - **Wayne Maynard, Angel Flight, Indiana County, PA**
 - Jacqueline McGinty, PhD, IUP Professor, College of Education and Human Services
 - **Jake Muskovitz, Special Projects, PA Health Care Cost Containment Council**
 - Janice Walters, Executive Director, Rural Health Redesign Center
- **Breakout Session #2 – Pediatric Readiness in Rural Communities - PNC Room**
 - ❖ Moderator: Amanda Vaglia, DO, Inaugural Program Director, IRMC, Family Medicine Residency Program
 - Presenter: Kristin Juhasz, DO, UPMC Hammit, Emergency Medicine
- **Breakout Session #3 - Mobilize & Execute: Post DHS/DOH Regional Rural Health Summit Action Session for Rural Health Leadership - Phi Sigma Kappa Rooms 6 & 7**
 - ❖ Moderators:
 - Karin Rhoades, MD, Special Assistant to PA DHS Secretary Valerie Arkoosh, MD
 - Miko Rose, DO, Founding Dean, IUP Proposed College of Osteopathic Medicine

4:30 – 5:00 PM: Closing Remarks, Research Poster Awards, Hero Awards, Door Prizes - Toretti Auditorium

- ❖ Moderators:
 - Jim Kinneer, PhD, Chief Human Resources Officer, IRMC
 - Lara Luetkehans, PhD, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, IUP



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