



Juniata College Rural Health Summit

Bedford, Blair, Centre, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, and Mifflin Counties

Thursday, February 19, 2026
Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA
AGENDA

9:30 – 10:00 am	Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Networking Wifi: JC-Guest Username: Juniata Password: MountainDay!	Ellis Hall, Ellis Ballroom (2 nd Floor)
10:00 – 10:15 am	Welcome and Overview of the Day <i>Lauren Bowen, Juniata College Provost</i>	Ellis Ballroom
10:15 – 10:45 am	Report from Juniata College and Huntingdon County: What we Know about Community Health Needs via our HRSA grant <i>Sarah Worley, Director of Community Engaged Learning</i>	Ellis Ballroom
10:45 – 11:00 am	Rural Health Transformation Plan <i>Karin Rhodes, Special Advisor, Office of the Secretary Pennsylvania Department of Human Services</i>	Ellis Ballroom
11:00 – 11:45 am	Vital Conditions Framework <i>George Garrow, CEO, Primary Health Network</i> <i>Philip Jones, Community Engagement Associate, Federal Reserve Bank, Philadelphia</i> <i>Lee Slusser, Director of Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development</i> <i>Paul Takac, PA State Rep - 82nd District in Centre County & Chair of the PA Rural Population Revitalization Commission</i>	Ellis Ballroom
11:45 am – 12:45 pm	Lunch Keynote: Our Rural Future: The Intersection of Health Systems and Economic Well-being in Rural Communities <i>Tony Pipa, The Brookings Institution</i> <i>Host of Reimagine Rural podcast</i>	Ellis Ballroom
1:00 – 1:40 pm	Working Groups Breakout Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women’s Health & Maternity Care Work Group Facilitators: <i>Sara Goulet, Special Advisor to the Secretary, PA Department of Human Services; Eva Clark, RN, UPMC Altoona</i> 	Ellis Hall, Various Locations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Work Group Facilitators: <i>Kelly Maffia, LCSW; Broad Top Area Medical Center; Felicia Stehley, RN, Community Care Behavioral Health</i> • Aging Work Group Facilitators: <i>Kevin Hancock, Independent Consultant, Ph.D. Candidate; Randy Nolen, Director, Bureau of Coordinated and Integrated Services, Office of Long-Term Living; Connie Brode, Executive Director, Area Agency on Aging</i> • Access and Transportation Work Group Facilitators: <i>Wendy Melius, Executive Director, Center for Community Action; Jordan Anthony, Executive Director, Southern Alleghenies EMS Council; Anthony Molinari, Director of Transportation, Area Agency on Aging</i> 	
1:45 – 2:30 pm	<p>Workgroup Debrief Facilitator: <i>Mark Stephens, Professor and Associate Dean for Medical Education, University Park Regional Campus, Penn State College of Medicine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each Group will have 3-5 minutes for report followed by 5-10 minutes of large group discussion 	Ellis Ballroom
2:30 – 3:00 pm	<p>Reactions and Responses from State Leaders <i>Robert Bonacci, Special Advisor to the Secretary, Department of Health</i> <i>Lindsey Mauldin, Governor’s Deputy for Health Policy</i></p>	Ellis Ballroom
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Break	Ellis Ballroom
3:15 – 3:50 pm	<p>Cross Sector discussion regarding lessons learned and next steps: A case study from Huntingdon County Facilitator: <i>Lisa Davis, Director and Outreach Associate Professor of Health Policy and Administration, Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health</i> Panelists: <i>Kelvin Abrashoff, Director of Children and Youth Services</i> <i>Rachelle Hopsicker, Executive Director of the Huntingdon County United Way</i> <i>Charles Streightiff, Chief of Huntingdon Borough Police Department</i> <i>Jeff Thomas, Huntingdon County Commissioner</i></p>	Ellis Ballroom
3:50 – 4:00 pm	<p>Closing Remarks <i>Lauren Bowen</i></p>	Ellis Ballroom

