



School of Medicine
University of Missouri



Rural Health Workforce Development Conference Agenda

April 1-2, 2025
Columbia, MO

Tuesday, April 1 - Day 1

8 AM - 5 PM **Check-In Desk Open**

1 PM **Welcome**

1:30 PM **Keynote Session**

“Advances of Artificial Intelligence in
Healthcare”

**Dr. Philip Payne, PhD, Washington School
of Medicine**

2:30 PM **General Session**

“Innovative Childcare Solution for Rural
Health Workers in Childcare Deserts”

**Karen White, Missouri Highlands; Cara
Corches, Missouri Chamber of Congress;
Megan Weber, Scotland County Hospital**

3:30 PM **Break**

3:45 PM **General Session**

“Recruiting and Retaining a Diverse Rural
Health Workforce”

**University of Missouri: Dr. Laura Henderson
Kelley, MD, Sarah Rielley & Thom Pancella**

5 PM **Hospitality Room**

6 PM **Conference Adjourns for the Day**

Wednesday, April 2 - Day 2

7 AM - 2 PM **Registration & Check-In Desk
Open**

7:15 AM **Networking Breakfast Buffet**

8 AM **Welcome**

8:10 AM **General Session**

“Show-Me ECHO: An Innovative Approach
to a Healthy Workforce”

**Missouri Telehealth Network: Rachel
Mutrux, Alicia Brewer Curran &
Dr. Kristen Sohl, MD**

9:15 AM **Breakout Sessions - 1**

1. “An Integral Look at How Combining a
Company’s Mission with a Leader’s
Passion Can Reshape the Talent Pool”
**Justin Parker, Stone Bridge Senior
Living**

Day 2 - Continued

9:15 AM Breakout Sessions - 1

2. “The Impact of Rural Medical Education and Residency Location on Future Rural Practice”
University of Missouri: Dr. Mark Benton, PhD, Janna Lee & Dr. Whitney LeFevre, MD
3. “Vaccine Hesitancy Research Report”
Bridget Haeg, Lambert Communication
4. “Student Panel: Financial Supports and Incentives: How to Find Them, Navigate Through What’s Available and How to Apply”
Joni Adamson, Missouri Primary Care Association; Alicia Jones, Office of Rural Health; Kelly Duke, Bureau of Health Workforce’s Division of Regional Operations

10:15 AM Break - Coffee & Snack

10:30 AM Breakout Sessions - 2

1. “Panel: Opportunities to Bolster Our MO Physician Workforce Along the Entire Pipeline”
MO-DHSS: Josh Wymer, Dr. John Fieno, PhD & Dr. Heidi Miller, MD
2. “Reimagining the University’s Role in the Health of Missourians”
Joe Kingsbury, University of Missouri; Chiquita Chanay, University of Missouri; Rachel Mutrux, Missouri Telehealth Network

10:30 AM Breakout Sessions - 2

3. “Recovery Friendly Workplace”
Ann McCauley, University of Missouri; Scott Kirchoff, Citizens Memorial Hospital
4. “The ‘Insider Scoop’ on Resume and CV Writing Tips”
Joni Adamson, Missouri Primary Care Association

11:40 AM Breakout Sessions - 3

1. “A Rural Workforce Pipeline for Mobile Integrated Healthcare”
Community Asset Builders: Doris Boeckman & Shelby Cox
2. “Building Inclusive Career Pathways Through Healthcare Apprenticeships”
Brittany Whitley, BioSTL
3. “Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite Program”
Christine Schrader, MO-DHSS

“Contract Negotiation for the Healthcare

4. Worker”
Compass Health Denise Mills & Brett Cavendar

12:40 PM Networking Lunch

1 PM In-Person Poster Sessions

2 PM General Session

“Bringing the History Forward: A Trauma-Informed Approach to Education”

**Washington University School of Medicine
Kaytlin Reedy-Rogier & Dr. Radhika Jain, MD**

3 PM Closing Remarks

3:30 PM Conference Adjourns