

**Missouri Rural Health Conference**  
**Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Day One:**

**9 AM Exhibitor check-in and set-up**

**10 AM Registration opens**

10 AM – 3:30 PM Exhibit Hall open

*\*Water, Coffee, Tea, and Granola Bars are available in the exhibit hall throughout the conference*

**11 AM Welcome**

Heidi Lucas, Missouri Rural Health Association  
**(Harbor Ball Room)**

**11:10 – 12 PM GENERAL SESSION**

**One Year Later: Tech Advancements in Rural Health**

Derek Landes, Missouri Rural Health Association

Ty Harmon, Valkyrie UAS Solution

Lori Worthington, Joplin Regional Alliance for Health

**(Harbor Ball Room)**

12 – 1 PM Networking Lunch - Hosted by: TBD

**(Harbor Ball Room)**

RHC Luncheon – Q&A Forum Moderated by: MARHC President, Greg Weaver

**(Lakeside Room)**

*\*All registered attendees and exhibitors are free to attend either lunch option*

1 – 1:30 PM Network and Visit Exhibitors

**1:30 – 2:20 PM CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**1. Threading the Needle: Turning Community Health Needs Assessments into Action for Rural Communities**

Paul Thomlinson and Delaney Adler, Compass Health Network

**(Harbor Ball Room)**

**2. Digital Advocacy and the Causeway (title TBD)**

Libby Trammell, MRHA

**(Niangua)**

**3. Seeing Through the Fog: Dashboards and Provider Transparency**

Shad Ritchie, Stroudwater Associates

**(Lakeside)**

**2:30 – 3:20 PM CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

- 1. Bridging Chronic Disease Gaps in Missouri: Show-Me ECHO Transforms Care Delivery**  
Alicia Brewer Curran, Missouri Telehealth Network| Show-Me ECHO  
(Harbor Ball Room)
- 2. Turning Limited Data into Action: Tools for Diversion to Care in Rural Communities**  
Xandy Greene, Missouri Public Health Institute  
(Niangua)
- 3. RHC Toolkit: From Compliance to Chronic Care Management**  
Kristen Ogden, The Compliance Team  
(Lakeside)

**3:30 – 4:20 PM GENERAL SESSION**

**Healthy Decisions: The Role of Critical Thinking in Rural Healthcare**  
Linda Henman, Henman Performance Group  
**(Harbor Ball Room)**

**4:30 – 6:00 PM Reception** Hosted by: TBD  
**(OUTDOORS)**

Entertainment by: The House Band  
*Dinner on your own*

**Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Day Two:**

8 – 9 AM Breakfast Buffet  
**(Harbor Ball Room)**

8:30 AM – 11:00 AM Exhibit Hall Open

**9:00 – 9:45 AM GENERAL SESSION**

**Burnout to Boundaries: Protecting the Rural Healthcare Workforce**  
Dr. Pamela Buchanan  
**(Harbor Ball Room)**

9:45 – 10:00 Last chance to visit exhibitors!

**10:00 – 10:50 AM CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

- 1. 2026 Health Law Update**  
Andrew Heberling, Hall Render  
(Harbor Ball Room)

2. **The AI Advantage: How Missouri Rural Health Can Out-Operate the Big Systems**  
Spencer Schaefer, PharmD  
(Niangua)

3. **Key Performance Indicators: Benchmarking for RHC Success 2026**  
Charles James, North American HMS  
(Lakeside)

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM GENERAL SESSION**

Missouri Health Policy Panel Moderated by Heidi Lucas  
(Harbor Ball Room)

**12:00 – 1:00 PM Rural Health Excellence Award Luncheon** Hosted by: TBD  
Featuring Speaker from the State with an update on the RHT  
(Grand Ball Room)

**1:00 – 1:30 PM Wrap up and door prizes**  
(Grand Ball Room)

**1:30 Conference ends**