

Missouri Rural Health Conference
Wednesday, September 9th, 2026
Day One:

9 - 10 AM Exhibitor check-in and set-up

10 AM Welcome Desk opens

10 AM – 3 PM Exhibit Hall open
Coffee Sponsored by: Hall Render

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: Unite Us
(Harbor Ball Room)

RHC Luncheon – Q&A Forum Moderated by: MARHC President, Greg Weaver
(Lakeside Room)

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. A Swiss Army Knife of Solutions: The Many Applications of The Causeway

Libby Trammell, MRHA
(Niangua)

3. Seeing Through the Fog: Dashboards and Provider Transparency

Shad Ritchie, Stroudwater Associates
(Lakeside)

2:30 – 4 PM Complementary Headshots – Sponsored by: Healthy Birthday

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: Molina
(OUTDOORS)

Entertainment by: The House Band
Dinner on your own

Thursday, September 10th, 2026

Day Two:

8 – 9 AM Breakfast Buffet – Hosted By: AVEM Health Partners
(Harbor Ball Room)

8:30 AM – 11:00 AM Exhibit Hall Open
Welcome Desk Open
Coffee Sponsored by: North American HMS

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

Featuring Missouri State Representatives Greg Bush and Tara Peters and MARHC

Lobbyist Jessica Petrie Thelemaque.

(Harbor Ball Room)

12:00 – 1:00 PM Rural Health Excellence Award Luncheon

Hosted by: The Missouri Office of Rural Health and Primary Care.

Featuring an update on the RHTP

(Harbor Ball Room)

1:00 – 1:30 PM Closing Remarks and Door Prizes

(Harbor Ball Room)

1:30 Conference ends