



# 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference

## AGENDA

Thursday, April 24, 2025

7:00-7:55 am	Swan Creek/ Saginaw	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b> <b>Breakfast Sponsored by:</b>
<b>Main Session</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Session Title</b>
7:55 - 8:00 am	Swan Creek/ Saginaw	<b>Michigan Rural Health Conference Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John Barnas, <i>Executive Director, Michigan Center for Rural Health</i></li> </ul>
8:00-9:00 am	Swan Creek/ Saginaw	<b>101: Federal Updates from the National Rural Health Association</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brock Slabach, MPH, FACHE, COO, <i>National Rural Health Association</i></li> </ul>
<b>Breakout</b> <b>9:05 - 10:00 am</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Breakout Session Title</b>
Rural Health Clinic		<b>102: Strategies to Improve Screening for Chronic Kidney Disease in Rural Health Clinics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary Wozniak, MPH, CHES, <i>Program Manager, National Kidney Foundation of Michigan</i></li> <li>Laura Green, MHA, CRHCP, <i>Manager of Population Health, Aspire</i></li> <li>Kalen Gerulski, NP-BC, <i>Nurse Practitioner, McLaren Central Michigan</i></li> </ul>
SDOH		<b>103: Veterans and Their Family's Health &amp; Wellness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jim Yates, Veteran, MPA, <i>I-REACH Rural Veterans Program Manager</i></li> <li>Patrice Olivo, VA <i>Community Care Billing Liaison/Program Specialist, Saginaw VA Medical Center</i></li> </ul>
Workforce		<b>104: Building Bridges: Advancing a Healthcare Workforce Pipeline in Rural Michigan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kelly Aubry, PT, DPT, <i>Affiliate Faculty of Instruction, Grand Valley State University</i></li> <li>Theresa Bacon-Baguley, PhD, RN, <i>Associate Dean of Research, Grand Valley State University</i></li> </ul>
10:00 -10:15 am	Swan Creek/ Saginaw	<b>Break, Visit Conference Partners, &amp; Rural Health QR Quest</b> - Take this opportunity to network with the Conference Partners and interact with the Annual Rural Health Research Day Poster Presenters <b>Snack Sponsored by:</b>
<b>Breakout</b> <b>10:15- 11:10 am</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Breakout Session Title</b>
Rural Health Clinic		<b>105: Chronic Care Management (CCM) Session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Care Management in a Rural Health Center: Enhancing Patient Outcomes and System Efficiency</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April Marsh, BSN, RN, <i>Care Manager, Northern Pines Health Center</i></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Unlocking the Potential of CCM: How Care Coordination Transforms Patient Care and Clinic Revenue</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kristen Ogden, RN, <i>Director of Quality, The Compliance Team</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
SDOH		<b>106: MDHHS Community-Led Efforts to Improve Rural Health Equity: Partnership with Michigan Center for Rural Health &amp; the Development of the Rural Health Equity Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tiwanna Hatcher, MPA, <i>Strategy and Engagement Section Manager, MDHHS Policy and Planning Bureau</i></li> <li>Shannon Patrick, MPH, <i>Senior SDOH Strategy Advisor, MDHHS Policy and Planning Bureau</i></li> <li>Laura Stoddard, MHA, <i>Social Drivers of Health Manager, Michigan Center for Rural Health</i></li> </ul>
Workforce		<b>107: 8th Annual Rural Health Research Day: Innovative research being conducted by the next generation of medical professionals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student TBA</li> <li>Student TBA</li> <li>Student TBA</li> </ul>
<b>Breakout</b> <b>11:15 am - 12:10 pm</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Breakout Session Title</b>

Rural Health Clinic		<b>108: Optimizing RHC Reimbursement Opportunities</b> · Jonathan Pantenburg, MHA, Principal, <i>Wintergreen, Inc.</i>
SDOH		<b>109: Caring for People with Disabilities</b> · Michelle Meade, PhD, <i>Co-Director, U-M Center for Disability Health and Wellness</i> · Tameka Cltchen-Spruce · Samantha Wolfe, <i>Agricultural Occupational Health Educator, Michigan State University Extension</i>
Workforce		<b>110: Emerging Workforce Programs and New Initiatives to Address HPSA Shortages</b> · Miguelina Carela-Garcia, MPH, <i>Primary Care Workforce Specialist, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)</i> · Brittany Brookshire, MPH, <i>Primary Care Workforce Specialist, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)</i>
12:10 – 1:25 pm	<i>Swan Creek/Saginaw</i>	<b>Lunch &amp; Rural Health Professional of the Year Award (Award at 1:00 pm)</b> <b>Lunch Sponsored by:</b>
<b>Main Session</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Breakout Session Title</b>
1:25 – 2:20 pm	<i>Swan Creek/Saginaw</i>	<b>111: Health Law Update</b> · Andrew Heberling, J.D. <i>Attorney, Hall, Render, Killian, Heath, &amp; Lyman Law Firm</i>
2:20 – 2:35 pm	<i>Swan Creek/Saginaw</i>	<b>Break, Visit Conference Partners &amp; Rural Health QR Quest</b> - Take this opportunity to network with the Conference Partners and interact with the 8th Annual Rural Health Research Day Poster Presenters <b>Snack Sponsored by:</b>
<b>Breakout 2:35 – 3:30 pm</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Breakout Session Title</b>
Rural Health Clinic		<b>112: Billing and Coding Session:</b> • <b>Social Determinants of Health SDOH "Z Codes": Impact of Accurate Data Capture for Removing Barriers</b> · Jackie King, MSHI, CCS, CPC, COC, <i>VP Hospital Education Services, ArchProCoding</i> • <b>Properly Reporting Telehealth Services in RHCs</b> · John Burns, CPC, CPMA, CEMC, RH-CBS, <i>VP Audit and Compliance, ArchProCoding</i>
SDOH		<b>113: Adapting Produce Prescription Programs to Meet the Needs of Rural &amp; Tribal Communities</b> · Carlyn Arteaga, MSW, <i>Project Coordinator, Michigan Public Health Institute, Center for Healthy Communities</i> · Laura Fisher, MSA, ADS, <i>Health Education &amp; Chronic Disease Department Director Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.</i> · Hannah Swartz, MPH, <i>Program Manager, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan</i>
Workforce		<b>114: EQ Advantage: Driving Workforce Engagement and Well-Being</b> · Stacey Gedeon, PsyD, <i>Founder, SRG Healthcare Consulting Professional Coaching</i>
<b>Main Session</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Session Title</b>
3:35 – 4:35 pm	<i>Swan Creek/Saginaw</i>	<b>*115: The State of Public Health in 2025: Charting a Path Forward</b> · Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MD, MPH, FIDSA, FACP, <i>Chief Medical Executive, Michigan Department of Health &amp; Human Services</i>
5:00 – 6:00 pm	<i>Swan Creek/Saginaw</i>	<b>Networking Reception:</b> Join us for refreshments and networking. Drinks and light snacks provided. <b>Drink Tickets Sponsored by:</b> <b>Entertainment provided by:</b> <b>Entertainment Sponsored by:</b>

**Friday, April 25, 2025**

7:00-7:55 am	Swan Creek/ Saginaw	<b>Breakfast, Visit Conference Partners &amp; Rural Health QR Quest</b> <b>Breakfast Sponsored by:</b>
<b>Main Session</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Session Title</b>
8:00 - 8:55 am	Swan Creek/ Saginaw	<b>*201: Updates from the Center for Research</b> · Michael Meit, MA, MPH, <i>Director, East Tennessee State University Center for Rural Health Research</i>
9:00 - 9:45 am	Swan Creek/ Saginaw	<b>*202: Michigan Medicaid Update</b> · Meghan Groen, MPP, <i>Senior Deputy Director, Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration</i>
9:45 - 10:00 am	Swan Creek/ Saginaw	<b>Break, Visit Conference Partners, Rural Health QR Quest – prizes will be awarded via random drawing to those who complete the QR Quest</b> <b>Snack Sponsored by:</b>
<b>Breakouts 10:00 - 10:55 am</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Session Breakout</b>
Rural Health Clinic		<b>203: Emergency Operation Planning and Execution</b> · Tressa Sacrey, BA, <i>Health Services Associates, Inc.</i>
SDOH		<b>204: Escaping the Silos of Rural Health</b> · TBA
Workforce		<b>205: Michigan Rural Oral Health: State and Local Perspectives</b> · Emily Norrix, MPH, <i>Rural Oral Health Consultant, Oral Health Program, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services</i> · Elisa Dack, RDH, MPH, <i>Community Health Director &amp; Oral Health Coordinator, District Health Department No. 2 and No. 4</i> · Emily Fowers, RDH, <i>Registered Dental Hygienist, Van Buren/Cass District Health Department</i>
<b>Main Session</b>	<b>Room</b>	<b>Session Title</b>
11:00 - 11:45 am	Swan Creek/ Saginaw	<b>206: Community Voices: Lessons from Rural Health Projects in Michigan</b> · Charly Loper, <i>Community Support Specialist, Office of Rural Prosperity, Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, State of Michigan</i> · TBA · TBA · TBA
11:45 am	Swan Creek/ Saginaw	<b>Closing Remarks and Prizes Must be present to win!</b>