



RHTP Summit

JUNE 9, 2026

Summit Day Agenda

7:30 AM

Location: Moretti Foyer
Check-In, Breakfast and Browse Exhibit Hall

8:30 AM

Location: Moretti Ballroom

Welcome: Krista Drobac, Health Policy Futures Lab
Rep. Carol Miller (R-WV)

8:45 AM

Opening Remarks: Collaborative for Healthy Rural America

9:00 AM

Year One: Opportunities and Challenges: Looking Back and Ahead: A discussion of the past six months and ahead, including key implementation hurdles and approaches.

Emily Ricci, MPH

Deputy Commissioner, State Medicaid Director
State of Alaska, Department of Health

Damon Koslow, MA

Executive Director, Office of Primary Care and Rural Health
New Jersey Department of Health

Julie Foster Hagan, MBA, MEd

Executive Director, Office of Rural Health Transformation & Sustainability
State of Louisiana, Department of Health



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Shovel-Ready vs Long-Term Projects. Sequencing and Financing Strategy: Approaches to funding and executing long-term projects while maintaining momentum through near-term progress. Homegrown vs. vendor offering.

Moderator: Accenture

Matt Lara, MS

Chief of Staff and Rural Health Transformation Program Director
Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Eden Bezy, DrPH, MPH

Deputy Commissioner
Indiana Department of Health

Lemeneh Tefera, MD MSc

Chief Medical Officer
Deputy Director for Clinical Innovation
California Department of Health Care Access and Information

10:20 AM

Break



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State Policy & Strategy Alignment: How states are integrating new efforts into existing policy, program, and funding structures to support effective execution.

Stuart Portman, MPH

Executive Director, Division of Medical Assistance Plans
Georgia Department of Community Health

Eliza Lake, MSW

Director of Health Policy and Strategic Initiatives
Massachusetts Executive Office of Health & Human Services

Elizabeth Kromm, PhD

Deputy Secretary
Maryland Department of Health

11:20 AM

Session: Roundtables: Part 1 - Choose 2 tables, 25 min each

12:10 PM

Lunch

Location: Buffet in Exhibit Hall, Sit in Main Room

Panel Description: Lunch welcome, States to sit with their regions



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1:10 PM

Exhibit Hall Time

1:40 PM

Coordinating with Stakeholders and Legislators. Stakeholders and Legislators: How states are working with stakeholders and legislators to navigate policy considerations, secure buy-in, and advance shared priorities.

Antraneise Jackson, DrPH, MPH

Director, Rural Health Transformation Program
Agency for Health Care Administration

Cristen Bates, MPH

Office Director, Office of Medicaid & CHP Behavioral Health Initiatives & Coverage
Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

Third speaker pending approval

2:30 PM

Roundtables: Part 2 - Choose 2 tables, 25 min each

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3:20 PM

Readout from Roundtables

3:50 PM

Session: Closing Remarks

Kate Sapra, PhD

Deputy Director, Office of Rural Health Transformation (ORHT)
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

4:00 PM

Exhibit Hall Time, Moretti Foyer

5:00 PM

Adjourn

Round tables (so far)

- ✦ **Clinically Integrated Networks:** *Jodi Schmidt, ED, KU Health System Care Collaborative*
- ✦ **Maternal Health:** *Angie Cooper, President, Heartland Forward*
- ✦ **Mobile Health:** *Morgan Hutchinson, Senior Program Advisor, ARPA-H*
- ✦ **Data Exchange:** *Dr. Neil Hockstein, Chair, Delaware Health Care Commission*
- ✦ **Community Health Workers:** *Sandra Wilkniss, Senior Program Director, NASHP*
- ✦ **Tech Incubator:** *Drew Gonshorowski, Director of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services*
- ✦ **Workforce:** *Mark Humowiecki, GC, National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs*