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TENTATIVE AGENDA

2026 ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 22-25 | PEORIA, ILLINOIS

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SESSION CATEGORIES

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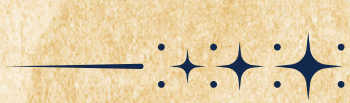


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PROMOTING THE
VALUE OF CHCS





TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 22, 2026



DAILY OVERVIEW



TIME	EVENT
11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	REGISTRATION
1:30 – 2:30 P.M.	EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS
2:00 – 4:00 P.M.	IPHCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
2:45 – 5:00 P.M.	EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

TUESDAY
 SEPTEMBER 22, 2026
 1:30 - 2:30 P.M.



SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER(S)	TRACK
Putting the EYE in Primary Care Teams	Donna Fishman , MPH, Executive Director, National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health, Prevent Blindness ; Angelica Scanzera , OD, MPH, FAAO, FSLs, Associate Professor Director, Tele-Ophthalmology Service Director, Optometry Fellowship in Medically Necessary Contact Lenses, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science at University of Illinois at Chicago; Julie Grutzmacher , MSW, MPH, Director of Patient Advocacy and Population Health Initiatives, Prevent Blindness	 CLINICAL
Transforming FQHC Addiction Care: A Case Study in Sustainable MAT Operations	Robin Henry , RN, Chief Operating Officer, Solvera Healthcare Center, Inc.; Phil Atteberry , Co-Founder, Executive Vice President, BrightSide Recovery	 OPERATIONS
Building a Fundraising Infrastructure That Works for FQHCs	Elona Deprez , Ed.D., MA, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Allied Executive Solutions	 FINANCE
Improving UDS Performance Without New Technology	John Boyer , MD, Director of Quality and Population Health, Hamdard Health Alliance	 DATA
From Doing to Developing: The Leader's Shift	Dana Ray , MD, Executive Coach, Physician, Proven Executive Coaching	 WORKFORCE
Closing the Loop: Advancing Care Coordination through Community Screening + FQHC Data Integration	Rachel DePauw , MPH, CAE, Vice President of Programs, National Kidney Foundation of Illinois; Chidinma Osineme , MD, FAAFP, ABPM, Chief Medical Officer, Chicago Family Health Center	 VALUE

TUESDAY
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 2:45 - 3:45 P.M.



SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER(S)	TRACK
Clinical Drug Testing in SUD Care: A Compassionate, Evidence Based Approach for Primary Care	Karla Walker , PharmD, DABCC, FACB, Discipline Director, Clinical and Forensic Toxicology, Labcorp	 CLINICAL
From Fragmentation to Transformation: A Healthy Community Model for Regional Health Impact	Kimberly Hobson , MBA, Chief Executive Officer, South Side Healthy Community Organization; Wendy Thompson , MBA, Chief Executive Officer, Friend Health	 OPERATIONS
When Volume Stops Working: Protecting Margins in the Medicaid Reality	Angela Heneise , Account Executive, Visualutions, Inc.	 FINANCE
TBD	TBD	 DATA
Building for Resilience: Modern Organizational Design for Today's FQHCs	Kimberly Chen , Director, Facktor; Deanna Drake , MPH, SHRM-SCP, Director, Facktor	 WORKFORCE
Protecting Our Patients	Bryan Gooding , CHW, Program Director of Public Health Practice, Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago; Cynthia Li , MPH, MA, Program Coordinator – HIV Prevention and Gender Affirming Care, Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago; Suzanne Carlberg-Racich , MSPH, PhD, Associate Professor/Program Director, Master of Public Health Program, DePaul University	 VALUE

TUESDAY
 SEPTEMBER 22, 2026
 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.



SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER(S)	TRACK
Treating Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) in the Primary Care Setting	Donna Rasmussen , PA-C, MPA, MBA, Physician Assistant-Certified, Macoupin County	 CLINICAL
Scaling Patient Engagement in a Growing FQHC: Lessons from Tapestry 360 Health	Meghan Murphy , MSN, RN, CNE, Clinical Informaticist, Tapestry 360 Health	 OPERATIONS
Designing Sustainability for CHWs: Organizational Processes + Billing Opportunities	Tracey Smith , CHW, DNP, PHCNS-BC, MS, Associate Executive Director for Public, Health Practice, Illinois Public Health Association; Rachael Telleen , Executive Director of Workforce Development, The HAP Foundation	 FINANCE
Technology Doesn't Transform Organizations—Coordinated Discipline Does: Navigating Acceleration in Healthcare	John Wurl , MBA, MPM, Director, Health Informatics and Technology, Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center	 DATA
From Vacancy to Coverage: Reducing Time to Hire in Rural + Community Settings	Clint Rosser , Chief Client Officer, PracticeMatch	 WORKFORCE
Transforming FQHC Benefits Programs in 2026: Self-Funding, Domestic Networks + Workforce Retention Strategies	Chase Marable , Managing Director, Higginbotham	 VALUE

WEDNESDAY
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TIME	EVENT
7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	REGISTRATION
7:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN
7:00 – 8:00 A.M.	BREAKFAST IN EXHIBIT HALL
8:00 – 10:00 A.M.	OPENING GENERAL SESSION
10:15 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS
12:30 – 1:30 P.M.	LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL + PRIZE PATROL
1:45 – 4:00 P.M.	EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS
4:00 – 6:00 P.M.	WELCOMING RECEPTION + COCKTAIL HOUR IN EXHIBIT HALL + PRIZE PATROL



WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

10:15 - 11:15 A.M.



SESSION TITLE

SPEAKER(S)

TRACK

**Turning Tension into Trust:
Evidence-based Approaches
for Navigating Sensitive Health
Conversations**

Costadina Aneziris, PharmD, BCGP, Clinical Pharmacist/Academic Detailer, Medicaid Services, Clinical Instructor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, Retzky College of Pharmacy, University of Illinois Chicago, Pharmacy Practice Medicaid Services, Illinois ADVANCE



CLINICAL

**Lessons from the Front Lines:
What HR1 Means for
Medicaid Providers**

Kiersten Abate Sweeney, Head of Growth and Partnerships, Fabric Health



OPERATIONS

**Modernizing Care Coordination:
How RPM + APCM Can Help
Community Health Centers
Improve Outcomes and
Strengthen Sustainability**

Sukhwant Khanuja, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, Carematix Inc.; **Kathy Boedeker**, Vice President, Carematix, Inc.



FINANCE

**Innovative Workforce Solutions
to Improve Oral Health Access:
ED Diversion + PHDH Programs
in Illinois**

Janae Price, MPH, Clinical Associate, University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford; **Shannon Miller**, RDH, PHDH, Dental Practice Administrator, Eagle View Community Health System



DATA

**Leading Together: Bringing
Peer-Led Leadership
Development to
Community Health**

Molly Robey, PHD, SHRM-CP, Director of Employee Experience, Chestnut Health Systems; **Hannah Mesouani**, PhD, Learning and Development Specialist, Chestnut Health Systems



WORKFORCE

**Building a Home Visiting
Nursing Team + Programming**

Meghan Nolan, DNP, RN, IBCLC, Director of Reproductive Services, PCC Community Wellness



VALUE

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 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.



SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER(S)	TRACK
Optimizing Collaboration between Clinical + Programs Teams for Quality Bonus Achievement	Michelle Byrne , MD, MPH, Medical Director of Population Health and Care Management, Erie Family Health Centers	 CLINICAL
Compliance: What is a Want to Have, Need to Have + Required to Have	Ron Boesch , DC, CHC, CHPC, Director of Compliance and Risk Management, Community Health Care, Inc.; Breanna Scherler , BSN, Clinical Compliance Coordinator, Community Health Care, Inc.; Angie Reid , Compliance Coordinator, Community Health Care, Inc.	 OPERATIONS
Food as Medicine that Pays: Integrating Nutrition into Billable Primary Care	Christina Wells , MD, MPH, MBA, DipABLM, DABOM, Physician, Mile Square Health Center	 FINANCE
Cyber Resilience for Community Health Centers: Leadership Decisions That Matter Before, During, + After an Incident	Tom Wojcinski , Partner, Wipfli	 DATA
Addressing Healthcare Gaps: Identifying Underserved Areas + Leveraging Workforce Incentives	Kandice Kent , Health Professional Resources Manager, Illinois Department of Public Health; Randy Ralph , Primary Care Office Analyst, Illinois Department of Public Health	 WORKFORCE
Why FQHCs Are the Missing Link in Digital Maternal Health: Expanding Access Through Barrier-Free, Patient-Driven Care	Chidinma Osineme , MD, FAAFP, Chief Medical Officer, Chicago Family Health Center; Mohamed Kamara , MBA, B.S.B.A., Founder and Chief Executive Officer, InovCares	 VALUE



WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

1:45 - 2:45 P.M.



SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER(S)	TRACK
Academia + Community Health – A Recipe for Innovation in Patient Care	Melissa Duplantis , PsyD, Chief Behavioral Health Officer, Chicago Family Health Center	 CLINICAL
Innovative Models for Obstetric + Women's Health in Illinois FQHCs	Brogan Bahler , MD, Director of OB/GYN Services, Heartland Health Services	 OPERATIONS
Wanna Bet? Using Prediction Markets as a Forecasting Tool	Ryan Gadia , CPA, Chief Financial Officer, Esperanza Health Centers	 FINANCE
Integrating Population Health Management to Foster a Data- Informed Culture for Quality Improvement	Alli Halvorsen , Senior Director Quality & Population Health, Tapestry 360 Health; Sara Iguodale , MPH, PMP, Director Clinical Transformation, Azara Healthcare LLC	 DATA
Re-Recruiting: The Talent Strategy You're Likely Ignoring	John Fagan , HRM, Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	 WORKFORCE
FQHC Model of Care + the integration of Certified Professional Midwives into the Health Care System	Mary Sommers , MPS, CPM, IBCLC, Director of Birth Center and Perinatal Education Programs, PCC Community Wellness Center	 VALUE



WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

3:00 - 4:00 P.M.



SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER(S)	TRACK
Expanding Access to Orthopedic Care – An Embedded Partnership Model	Alyssa Sianghio , Chief Executive Officer, PCC Community Wellness Center; Andrew Shadid , Chief Executive Officer, Genesis Orthopedics & Sports Medicine	 CLINICAL
From Chaos to Clarity: Improving IMAN Health Center's Operations	Dabeer Hussain , MBA, Practice Manager, IMAN Health Center; Amena Qureshi , MHSA, Director of Operation, IMAN Health Center	 OPERATIONS
Meridian's Approach to Value-Based Care Partnerships	Ekata Gheewala , MHA, Director, Provider Network Performance, Meridian Health Plan of IL – Centene; Nancy Robinson , VP, Provider Engagement, Meridian Health Plan of IL – Centene	 FINANCE
Extending Operational Capacity with AI: How a Chicago FQHC Automated Care Gap Closure + Referral Coordination	Allison Paul , DNP, RN, NEA-BC, Chief Health Operations Officer, Aunt Martha's Health & Wellness; Sami Malik , Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Linear Health	 DATA
Leading Through Change in the Healthcare Environment: Managing + Growing Your Team	Cheryl Rucker-Whitaker , MD, MPH, FACP, President, Central Region, CINQCARE	 WORKFORCE
Operationalizing Whole Person Care: The PCH Journey Across Primary Care, Behavioral Health + Community Based Services	Linda Stevens , RN, BSN, MPA, Chief Operating Officer, Pillars Community Health; Jennifer Swoyer , DO, Chief Population Health Officer, Pillars Community Health; Helen Stewart , LCSW, Chief Program Officer, Pillars Community Health	 VALUE

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

DAILY OVERVIEW

TIME	EVENT
7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	REGISTRATION
7:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN
7:30 – 9:30 A.M.	BREAKFAST WITH EXHIBITORS
8:00 – 9:45 A.M.	CEO BREAKOUT
8:00 – 9:45 A.M.	PROFESSIONAL STAFF SECTION MEETINGS CLINICAL + FINANCE
10:00 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.	EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS
12:15 – 1:30 P.M.	LUNCH IN THE EXHIBIT HALL + PRIZE PATROL
1:45 – 2:45 P.M.	EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS
2:45 – 3:45 P.M.	BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS + PRIZE PATROL
4:00 – 5:00 P.M.	ROUNDTABLES
6:00 – 9:00 P.M.	THURSDAY EVENING EVENT

THURSDAY
 SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.



SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER(S)	TRACK
Beyond the Clinic: How Cross-Sector Partnerships are Transforming Food Access	Christine Dannhausen-Brun , MPH, Senior Research Specialist, University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford; Katie Scott , Healthy Communities Manager, Northern Illinois Food Bank; Emily Rios-Madrigal , Nutrition and Dietetics Graduate Student, Northern Illinois University	 CLINICAL
Establishing Integrated Primary + Behavioral Health Care in a School-Based Health Center	Stacy Baumgartner , MS, Chief Executive Officer, Will County Community Health Center; Melissa Sporer , APN, FNP-BC, Family Nurse Practitioner for the School Based Health Center, Will County Community Health Center; Carol Ricken , Director of Operations, Will County Community Health Center	 OPERATIONS
Strategic Financial Modeling for Community Health Centers: Turning Data into Sustainable Decisions	Chris Manderfield , CPA, Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP; Tom Hammond , Director, Financial Modeling and Consulting, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	 FINANCE
Artificial Intelligence: Future-Proofing Your Health Center While Advancing Your Mission	Sal Kohgadai , CISSP, CHPSE, Virtual Technology Executive, Medicus IT	 DATA
From Care Gaps to Community Impact: A CES/CHW Stepped-WAVE Model + Population Health Dashboard to Improve UDS + Value-Based Performance	Kenneth Burnett , MHSA, Chief Executive Officer, Christian Community Health Center; Joseph West ScD, FACHE, President, Kemetichlth	 WORKFORCE
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THURSDAY
 SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
 11:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.



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Innovate or Stagnate: Strategies for Successful Service Line Expansion	Stacy Agosto , LCSW CADC, BH/SUD Consultant, Illinois Primary Health Care Association	 CLINICAL
Governance Gone Wrong: Lessons from a Mock Health Center Board Meeting	Jennifer Genua-McDaniel , Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Genua Consulting, LLC	 OPERATIONS
From Risk to Resilience: Leveraging a Little-Known Alternative Benefits Program to Protect Your Health Center Under H.R. 1	Thomas Kim , MD, MPH, FAAFP, Chief Medical Officer, Esperanza Health Center; Jordan Hatcher , MPH, Chief of Staff, Implementing Contraceptive Access Now (ICAN!); Maria Marquez , Chief Operating Officer, Esperanza Health Center	 FINANCE
Developing a Community Responsive Research Program: Using Evidence Based Data in Research + Service Projects to Transform + Innovate Patient Outcomes	Vida Henderson , PhD, PharmD, Chief of Population Health Research and Evaluation, UI Health Mile Square; Karriem Watson , DHS, MS, MPH, Chief Executive Officer, UI Health Mile Square	 DATA
Building a Sustainable Workforce: Exemplars for APRN Fellowship program + a transition to practice program, Strengthens Recruitment, Retention, + Quality in Safety Net CHCs	Natalie Raghu , DNP, FNP C, BC ADM, Medical Director Advanced Practice Providers and APRN Fellowship, Erie Family Health Centers; Toni Steres , DNP, APRN-FPA, FNP-C, NEA-BC, AAHIVS, Director of Provider Operations, Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center	 WORKFORCE
Understanding Illinois' Medical Aid in Dying Act	Katie Anderson , Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP; Danielle Davis , Associate, Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP	 VALUE

THURSDAY
 SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
 1:45 - 2:45 P.M.



SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER(S)	TRACK
Implementing self-collection for STIs + HPV: Improving scores + reducing inequity	Damian P. "PAT" Alagia III , MD, MS, MBA, FACS, FACOG, Senior Medical Director Women's Health, Quest Diagnostics	 CLINICAL
From Vision to Vehicle: A Roadmap for Mobile Health Program Development	Gab Sauder , DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC, EDAC, Project Consultant, Capital Link	 OPERATIONS
Movement as Medicine: APCM's Role for the Medicare Population	Pete Fronte , MBA, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Altura	 FINANCE
Automating Accountability: Low-Cost Analytics + Reporting for Small FQHCs	John Boyer , MD, Director of Quality and Population Health, Hamdard Health Alliance; Shazia Fatima , MBA, Process Improvement Lead, Hamdard Health Alliance	 DATA
Building the Oral Health Workforce: A Community Health Worker Training Model to Advance Oral Health Equity	Andres Davila , DMD, MSOB, Assistant Professor and Section Head of Oral Medicine and Interprofessional Education, Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine; Tracey Smith , CHW, DNP, PHCNS-BC, MS, Associate Executive Director for Public Health Practice, Illinois Public Health Association; Lisa Hinton , Associate Director, State Partnerships, American Cancer Society	 WORKFORCE
Leading Through Uncertainty: Value Based Care + Medicaid Risk for Illinois FQHCs	Imani Lewis , MHA, MPH, PCMH CCE, Director, Consulting, Sellers Dorsey; Karen Brach , Managing Director, Consulting, Sellers Dorsey; Paul Frank , Vice President, Government Relations, Sellers Dorsey	 VALUE

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

DAILY OVERVIEW

TIME	EVENT
7:30 – 11:00 A.M.	REGISTRATION
7:45 – 9:30 A.M.	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, AWARDS + KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
9:45 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

FRIDAY
 SEPTEMBER 25, 2026
 9:45 - 10:45 A.M.



SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER(S)	TRACK
Expanding Behavioral Health Services with Compassion + Collaboration	Jodi Rinaldo , BSN, MBA, Behavioral Health Program Administrator, Heartland Health Services; John Mihelcic, MD, FM-OB, Medical Director of Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder Services, Heartland Health Services	 CLINICAL
AI in Community Health Centers: Turning Innovation into Advantage Without Increasing Risk	Tom Wojcinski , Partner, Wipfli	 OPERATIONS
340B at a Crossroads: Policy Developments + Financial Implications	Hannah Rowell , Director of 340B Services, Draffin Tucker	 FINANCE
Using Data to Demonstrate the True Value + Impact of Your Health Center	Ann Marie Grimberg , M.Ed., Project Consultant, Capital Link	 DATA
Competing Without Deep Pockets: How Rural Organizations Win Talent Against Large Health Systems	Clint Rosser , Chief Client Officer, PracticeMatch	 WORKFORCE
Funding Through Uncertain Times: Building Sustainable Philanthropy at FQHCs	Cathy Junia , Director of Individual Giving and Events, Erie Family Health Centers; Sandra Del Toro , MPP, Senior Director Development, Erie Family Health Centers; Melissa Hilton , MBA, VP, Development & Executive Director, Erie Foundation, Erie Family Health Centers	 VALUE

FRIDAY
 SEPTEMBER 25, 2026
 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.



SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER(S)	TRACK
Transforming Primary + Specialty Care Integration to Achieve Population Health Goals + Decrease Overall Cost of Care	Andrea McGlynn , MSN, APN, CNM, Principal, Prestige Health; Katie Fasullo , DNP, RN, GERO-BC, Senior Manager, Clinical Operations, Community CARE, Endeavor Health; Ashlee Roffe , MS RD LDN CNSC, Director of Nutrition and Community Health, Community CARE, Endeavor Health	 CLINICAL
Frameworks for Successful + Responsible Implementation of AI Solutions	Fred Rachman , MD, Chief Executive Officer, AllianceChicago	 OPERATIONS
AI Powered Productivity: Backoffice + Finance Innovations	Nik Boyer , Manager, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP; Andy Harleman , Digital Growth Director, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	 FINANCE
Connected Care, Stronger Communities: CHCs in the Data Modernization Era	Andrew Hamilton , RN, BSN, MS, FAAN, Chief Information Officer, AllianceChicago	 DATA
Beyond the Visit: Aligning Clinical Workflows + Documentation for Value-Based Success at FQHCs	Sirisha Bommireddipalli , CHBC, CPC, COC, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, MedConverge, LLC	 WORKFORCE
The Human Side of Help for Healthcare Teams	Becky Gabany , MA, CDE, CDP, CPCHE, Owner & Principal Consultant, ChangeBridge Consulting	 VALUE

The background of the image is a deep teal color, featuring a nebula-like pattern with swirling, ethereal clouds. Scattered throughout the scene are numerous small, bright white stars, some of which have a soft, glowing halo. The overall effect is a cosmic and serene space-themed backdrop.

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