

**NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

**RURAL  
HEALTH  
SUMMIT**



**Friday, May 29, 2026**

**8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**King's College  
Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center**

# AGENDA

- 8:00 – 9:00**      **REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**
- 9:00 – 9:05**      **WELCOME**  
Rev. Thomas Looney, C.S.C  
*President, King's College*
- 9:05 – 9:15**      **OPENING REMARKS**  
Justin Beaupre, Ed.D, MHA  
*Assistant Professor, Graduate Healthcare Administration King's College*
- 9:15 – 9:35**      **REGIONAL HEALTH DATA OVERVIEW**  
Debra Bogen, MD  
*Pennsylvania Secretary of Health*
- 9:35 – 9:40**      **INTRODUCTION TO KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
Michele McGowan, DBA, CPA  
*Professor and Graduate Program Director, Healthcare Administration King's College*
- 9:40 – 10:30**      **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
Edmund Sabanegh, MD  
*President & CEO, Guthrie Clinic*
- 10:30 – 10:50**      **RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PLAN**  
Karin Verlaine Rhodes, MD MS  
*Special Advisor to DHS Secretary*
- 10:50 – 11:35**      **PANEL SESSION**  
**Strengthening Connections: Collaborative Leadership in Rural Health**  
**Moderator:**  
Brian Ebersole  
*SVP, The Wright Center for Graduate Medical Education*  
**Panelists:**  
John Cosgrove  
*CEO, All One Foundation & All One Charities*  
Philip Jones  
*Community Engagement Associate, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia*  
Teresa Lacey, RN, BSN  
*CEO, Wayne Memorial Community Health Center*  
Lindsey Mauldin, MA  
*Pennsylvania Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Governor Shapiro*  
Terry Purcell, MBA  
*Regional COO, Jefferson - Lehigh Valley Health Network*

# AGENDA

- 11:35 - 12:05**      **PENNSYLVANIA RURAL HEALTH PLAN TOWN HALL**  
Lisa Davis, MHA  
*Director, Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health*
- 12:05 - 12:15**      **INTRODUCTION TO WORKGROUPS**  
Justin Beaupre, Ed.D, MHA
- 12:15 - 2:35**      **WORKING LUNCH & COLLABORATIVE WORKGROUP SESSIONS**  
**Workgroup Themes:**
- Workforce Development
  - Eldercare and Chronic Disease Management
  - Building Resilient Communities
  - Behavioral Health and Mental Health Services
- 2:35 - 2:50**      **BREAK & RECONVENING**
- 2:50 - 3:30**      **WORKGROUP REPORT-OUT & REGIONAL DISCUSSION**  
Representative from each workgroup
- 3:30 - 4:00**      **CLOSING REMARKS**  
Daniel Landesberg, MBA  
*AVP, Clinical Operations, Geisinger*

## NEPA Rural Health Summit Featured Speaker Biographies



### **Debra L. Bogen, MD**

*Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Health*

Dr. Debra L. Bogen is the Secretary of Health. Prior to joining the Commonwealth, Dr. Bogen was the Director of the Allegheny County Health Department.

Prior to that appointment, Dr. Bogen was a member of the Pittsburgh region's medical and research community for more than two decades. She held a primary academic appointment as Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Bogen also served as the Vice Chair of Education for the Department of Pediatrics at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. She dedicated her career as a pediatrician to caring for children and families impacted by social inequities. Her clinical research focused on the impact of mental health and substance use on families.

Dr. Bogen earned her medical degree from the University of Colorado School of Medicine and completed both her pediatric residency and general academic pediatrics fellowship at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She was one of the founders of the Mid-Atlantic Mothers' Milk Bank and served as the organization's Volunteer Medical Director until assuming her role at the state.



### **Lisa Davis, MHA**

*Director, Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health*

As the Director of the Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health, Lisa Davis ensures that the state office exceeds its federal mission of being a source of networking, coordination, and technical assistance to advance rural health care delivery. On national, state, and university levels, she serves on a wide range of boards of directors, advisory committees, and task forces focused on rural health policy, rural health research, economic development, outreach and education, health disparities, and vulnerable populations. Her current areas of focus are rural health transformation, maternal health, and national and state rural health advocacy. She is a recipient of state and national awards for rural service, rural health leadership, and health equity. The Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health received the Award of Merit and the Award of Excellence from the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health and is ranked #1 in the nation for Medicare quality reporting for two consecutive years.

Lisa and her husband live in Boalsburg, PA, the birthplace of Memorial Day. They have one daughter who is a senior in college majoring in restorative justice with the goal of ending human trafficking and sexual assault.



**Philip Jones**

*Community Engagement Associate, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia*

Philip Jones is a community engagement associate in the Philadelphia Fed's Community Development and Regional Outreach Department. He focuses on building and supporting cross-sector partnerships to advance equitable solutions to a region or community's economic challenges.

Philip is passionate about ensuring that residents have access to safe and affordable homes. Before joining the Bank, he worked for the Fair Housing Rights Center in southeastern Pennsylvania, where he advocated for equal access to housing opportunities for all people. It was here that he learned about the inequities that exist in securing credit or home loans in marginalized communities and how building awareness of available programs and services within these communities was key to helping to address these challenges.

Through his work as the director of legislative affairs for Pennsylvania State Representative Stephen Kinsey, Philip also gained experience building relationships and working with leaders and community partners across the state to address key issues. He organized the first-ever legislative policy hearing at a Pennsylvania state correctional facility focused on the social benefits and economic advantages of granting compassionate release of the geriatric incarcerated population.

Philip, a lifelong resident of Philadelphia, has a B.A. in political science and international relations from Albright College.



**Teresa R. Lacey**

*Chief Executive Officer, Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers*

Teresa Lacey is the CEO of Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC). She is a Registered Nurse, holds a Six Sigma Black Belt and has a broad range of experience in healthcare operations and quality.

WMCHC provides primary care to adults and children, behavioral health, dental care, women's health, veterans services and podiatry in 22 sites across 4 rural counties serving 60,000 patients.

She has gained accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and established a family medicine residency, welcoming the first class of residents July 2025.



**Dan Landesberg**

*MBA, Associate Vice President, Clinical Operations for Geisinger Northeast*

Dan Landesberg, MBA, is Associate Vice President, Clinical Operations for Geisinger Northeast. He is responsible for clinical operations at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre, a campus of Geisinger Wyoming Valley (GWV) Medical Center, as well as Geisinger Healthplex CenterPoint, Geisinger Viewmont Imaging, and Geisinger’s ambulatory network across Northeast PA. He also leads economic development efforts for the health system and continues to lead strategic growth planning efforts across the region.

Dan co-led the planning for Geisinger’s ongoing expansion projects at GWV (\$884 million) and Geisinger Medical Center (\$880 million). Both projects were approved by Geisinger’s Board and are under construction. Additionally, Dan led several major facility expansions that have greatly expanded access to specialty care for patients in Northeast PA, including the Henry Cancer Center Expansion (\$80 million) and Medical Office Building and parking garage (\$110 million) at GWV, as well as Geisinger Healthplex CenterPoint (\$81 million).

Dan served as Geisinger’s Interim Vice President, Facilities Planning and Construction from June 2023 - February 2025. In this role, he had responsibility for Geisinger’s project management, facilities operations, and real estate functions, including 10.5 million sq. ft. of building space, 280 buildings (10 hospitals), \$2 billion in active projects, and nearly 300 team members.

Earlier in Dan’s career, he led a strategic turnaround at Geisinger Marworth and led the transformation of Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre from an outpatient campus to an acute hospital as part of a multidisciplinary team. Today, it is a thriving, soon-to-be 100 bed community hospital serving as a vital anchor in Wilkes-Barre’s population center.

Dan was recognized by Becker’s Healthcare as a “Rising Star: Healthcare Leader under 40” in 2023 and 2024 and was named “NEPA Influencer of the Year” by the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber in 2018. Dan and his wife, Jana, live in Dallas, PA and have two children, Brooks (4) and Hudson (1) and two rescue dogs.



**Lindsey Mauldin, MA**

*Deputy Chief of Staff for Health and Human Services, Office of Governor Josh Shapiro*

Lindsey Mauldin is a seasoned health policy leader with over 15 years of experience in advocacy and government. She currently serves as Deputy Chief of Staff for Health and Human Services in Governor Josh Shapiro’s Office.

Previously, Lindsey spent nearly a decade at Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania Advocates, where she led public affairs, legislative strategy, and statewide organizing efforts to protect reproductive rights and expand access to care. At the Department of Health, she helped lead Pennsylvania’s COVID-19 Response Unit, coordinating efforts with local health departments during the height of the pandemic.



**Terrence Purcell, MBA**

*Chief Operating Officer, Jefferson Health – Lehigh Valley Northwest Region*

Terrence J. Purcell, MBA, is Chief Operating Officer of Jefferson Health – Lehigh Valley Northwest Region, where he oversees operations for Lehigh Valley Hospital–Hazleton, Lehigh Valley Hospital–Schuylkill, and Lehigh Valley Hospital–Carbon. He also serves as COO of LVH–Schuylkill, providing strategic and operational leadership to advance quality care, patient experience, and organizational performance across the region.

Mr. Purcell brings decades of healthcare leadership experience, with a strong track record of driving operational excellence, expanding access to care, and strengthening community-based healthcare delivery systems. Prior to joining Jefferson Health – Lehigh Valley Network, he served as President of St. Luke’s Gnadon Huetten and Palmerton campuses. During his tenure with St. Luke’s University Health Network, he also held senior leadership roles as Senior Vice President of Operations and Vice President of Ambulatory and Support Services, where he played a key role in enhancing system-wide operations and service delivery.

He earned both his Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Business Administration degrees from Bloomsburg University.

A committed community leader, Mr. Purcell serves on the Board of Directors of Hospital Central Services, Inc., and previously served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hospital Central Services Corporation. His community involvement also includes prior service as Treasurer of the East Central Area Health Education Center, a member of the Mahanoy Area School Board, and active participation in the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Purcell resides in Barnesville, Pennsylvania, with his family.



**Karin Verlaine Rhodes, MD MS**

*Special Advisor to DHS Secretary*

Karin Verlaine Rhodes, MD MS is a Special Advisor to DHS Secretary, Dr. Val Arkoosh with a focus on Rural Health. She is an emergency medicine physician and health services researcher with over 30 years of clinical, health system, federal, state, and non-profit administrative and leadership experience. Prior to joining the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in September of 2024, she was Chief Implementation Officer at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, where she led a strategic plan for AHRQ's Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund investments.

A former RWJF Clinical Scholar, Rhodes was promoted on the tenure track in both Emergency Medicine and Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania where she was inaugural chair of the Center for Emergency Care and Policy Research, leading research teams testing emergency department innovations in screening/intervening for health-related social risks, improving transitions in care, and tracking the impact of Affordable Care Act insurance expansions on access to primary care. As a VP for Care Management at Northwell Health, Dr. Rhodes designed and evaluated innovations to address the complex care needs and social determinants of health of patients across the continuum of care.

In Washington, DC, Rhodes served as a RWJF Health Policy Fellow in both the Senate and House, after which she was director of the Division of Public Health for the State of New Mexico. During the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in New York City (NYC), she organized Emergency Medicine All Threats (EMAT), an informal network of NYC-area emergency medicine leaders seeking to break down silos across competing health systems, share regional knowledge and actionable data, and improve health equity and public health preparedness.

As the DHS special advisor for rural health, Rhodes has helped catalyze a series of regional rural health summits – the results of which formed the basis of PA's Rural Health Transformation Plan, a cross-departmental team effort that she is now working to help implement. Her overall goal is to build on her wide-ranging experiences to support rural community engagement, collaborative partnerships, improve access to high quality whole person care, and grow the rural health workforce pipeline needed for long-term rural healthcare sustainability and economic revitalization.



**Edmund S. Sabanegh Jr., MD, MBA**

*President and Chief Executive Officer, The Guthrie Clinic*

Dr. Edmund S. Sabanegh Jr. is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Guthrie Clinic, a physician-led, nonprofit integrated healthcare system serving communities across Pennsylvania and New York. Under his leadership, the health system has doubled in size and has been recognized with national awards for care quality, workplace engagement, and innovation.

A committed champion for rural healthcare, Dr. Sabanegh has stewarded The Guthrie Clinic's strategy to ensure patients receive the right care, at the right time, in the right place. Under his leadership, Guthrie has advanced innovative models of care delivery designed specifically for rural and underserved communities, including the development of the Pulse Center, a virtual care model that leverages virtual clinical expertise to extend specialty support, improve access, and enhance care quality across Guthrie's regional footprint.

Dr. Sabanegh earned degrees in engineering from Princeton, medicine from the University of Virginia, and an MBA from Case Western Reserve University. He completed his urologic surgery residency at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center and microsurgery fellowship at Cleveland Clinic.

During his 21 years in the Air Force, Dr. Sabanegh held senior roles such as Chief of Medical Staff and COO of its largest hospital, earning several military honors. He later joined Cleveland Clinic, serving as Chairman of Urology and President of the Ohio hospital system, where he drove significant growth and improved care.

He has published over 200 peer-reviewed articles, edited textbooks, and currently serves as Professor of Surgery and a board member for the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania. Dr. Sabanegh is nationally recognized with more than 25 years of experience in clinical medicine and health system leadership.

