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Resiliency Amid a Pandemic: Rural Arizona Challenges and Successes

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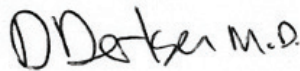
Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the 47th Annual Arizona Rural Health Conference: ***“Resiliency Amid a Pandemic: Rural Arizona Challenges and Successes”*** in Flagstaff, Arizona! As Arizona emerges from the COVID pandemic, we are cautiously optimistic, wiser, better prepared, and more resilient.

It is more important than ever to sustain our hard-won gains, address new opportunities and threats, and assure that the health needs of rural, tribal, and underserved communities are addressed.

We have a terrific program this year, with speakers eager to share successful strategies, best practices, and ideas on a variety of topics. This year’s hybrid conference provides opportunities for networking, partnering, and disseminating information, research and data.

Our speakers and participants are committed to improve coverage and access to high quality health care and innovations that improve rural health outcomes.



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AGENDA

DAY 1: TUESDAY, JUNE 15

- 8:00 - 2:00 **CHECK-IN and ON-SITE REGISTRATION**
- 8:00 – 9:15 **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 8:30 – 8:45 **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**, Dr. Daniel Derksen
- 8:45 – 9:00 **Blessing**, Dorothy Denetsosie Gishie
- 9:00 – 9:45 **GENERAL SESSION: Infrastructure Needs in Rural Communities**
Dr. Anthony Santiago, CEO, Gila River Health Care Corporation
Dr. Jill Jim, Executive Director, Navajo Department of Health
- 9:50 – 10:30 **GENERAL SESSION: Economic Development for Sustaining Rural/Tribal Communities**
Jeff Sobotka, VP & State Board Director, Arizona Commerce Authority
Kimber Lanning, Founder and CEO, Local First Arizona Foundation
- 10:30 – 11:00 *Break / Networking Opportunity / View poster presentation*
- 11:00– 11:30 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
Track A: Healthcare Workforce
 Engaging our Healthcare Workforce in Advance Care Planning
 Vicki Buchda, Vice President of Care Improvement, Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association
Track B: Social and Structural Determinants of Health/Indicators of Health
 Development of a Closed-loop Referral Network Between Healthcare and Social Services
 Andrew Terech, Director of SDOH, Health Current
- 11:30 – 12:30 **AzRHA Membership Meeting and Awards Luncheon**
- 12:30 – 1:00 *Break/Networking Opportunity*
- 1:00 –1:30 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
Track B: Social and Structural Determinants of Health/Indicators of Health
 How 2-1-1 Arizona Can Assist Rural Arizonans
 Hillary Evans, Supervisor, Research Strategy & Community Engagement, Solari Crisis & Human Services
Track D: Mitigation Efforts and Preparedness
 Humanitarian Efforts in Border Communities
 Amanda Aguirre, CEO & President, Regional Center for Border Health
 Hayley D. Yaglom, One Health Genomics Epidemiologist, Pathogen & Microbiome Division, Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen North)
- 1:40– 2:15 **GENERAL SESSION: Migrant Health: Collaborating to Care for Vulnerable Populations**
Anna Landau, Family Medicine Physician, Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Arizona
- 2:20 – 3:00 **GENERAL SESSION: COVAX – What is it and Why is it Important?**
Will Humble, Executive Director, Arizona Public Health Association
Dave Engelthaler, Associate Professor and the Director of TGen North
- 3:00 **Closing Remarks**
- 3:30 **RECEPTION | NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY**

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

- 7:45 – 9:00 **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 – 8:45 **GENERAL SESSION: Lessons Learned for Pandemic Preparedness**
Mona Arora, Researcher, University of Arizona College of Public Health
Michael O’Driscoll, Director of Health & Emergency Management for Gila County Arizona
- 9:00 – 9:30 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- Track A: Economic Development / Healthcare Workforce**
Distance Learning and TeleHealth, Community Facilities, and e-Connectivity Programs
Jeffrey Hayes, Arizona’s Acting State Director, USDA Rural Development
- Track B: Social and Structural Determinants of Health/Indicators of Health**
Upstream Prevention by Addressing Social Determinants of Health
Nicola Winkel, Project Director, Arizona Coalition for Military Families
- 9:30 – 10:00 *Break and Networking Opportunity*
- 10:00 – 10:30 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- Track A: Healthcare Workforce**
Creating Symbiosis During the COVID-19 Pandemic Through Academic Service Partnerships and Community Engagement
Timian Godfrey, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Arizona, College of Nursing
Jimis Shukri, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty, University of Arizona
- Track D: Mitigation Efforts and Preparedness**
COVID-19 CAH Preparedness Project
Brianna Rooney, Southern Region Manager with the Arizona Coalition for Healthcare Emergency Response (AzCHER); Arizona Center for Rural Health
- 10:40 – 11:15 **GENERAL SESSION: Hindsight is 2020: Where do we go from here?**
Marcus Johnson, Director of State Health Policy & Advocacy, Vitalyst Health Foundation
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Charlie Alfero, Executive Advisor to the NM Primary Care Training Consortium and the Center for Health Innovation (CHI)
Ed Paul, MD, Director of Family Medicine Residency Program, North Country Health Care
Judith Hunt, MD, Staff Physician, Ponderosa Family Care; Ed Physician, TEAM Health
Jonathan Cartsonis, Director, Rural Health Professions Program, UA-COM-P
- 12:15 – 1:00 **LUNCH: WRAP-UP & CLOSING REMARKS**
Dr. Daniel Derksen

PRESENTATION DESCRIPTIONS

Infrastructure Needs in Rural Communities – Dr. Jim

The Navajo Nation was hit hard during the COVID-19 pandemic in the last year. Since the emergence of this novel disease on the Navajo Nation some of the major factors in the spread of disease was related to health care infrastructure, water, housing, electricity and healthcare disparities. As the Nation continues to respond to the pandemic, many of these factors will have to be addressed in order to mitigate community spread of COVID-19.

Infrastructure and Population Health: Form Follows Function A Neurologist's Perspective – Dr. Santiago

Commonly, neurologists examine the brain to discern function from form, or dysfunction as it may be, just as many other disciplines may equally use their forms/constructs to manifest their function – conductors of an orchestra interpret symphonic composition thru the interplay of the musicians, an architect designs with an eye towards the functionality of the space. The Ecosystem of Care required to address health from a population perspective has never been more tested than by the COVID-19 pandemic. The degree to which individuals contracted, required hospitalization or survived the acute infection is directly related to the prevalence of pre-morbid health conditions – mostly hypertension, obesity and metabolic syndrome including diabetes mellitus – the incidence of which are dependent on community resources that reach beyond the walls of a clinic or hospital. Infrastructure is the underlying foundation or basic framework of a system or organization; federal funding sources have been allocated to support the capital projects and operating costs of municipalities and healthcare systems to address the direct impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as long-standing issues that are identified influencers of health.

Sustaining Rural and Tribal Arizona – Kimber Lanning

Sustaining Rural and Tribal Arizona will take a variety of approaches related to growing their local economies. From reducing 'economic leakage' to building an entrepreneurial ecosystem, to workforce development and affordability, economic developers need to have a toolbox tailor-made for growing rather than importing companies and jobs. In this session, we'll talk about strategies to build more local commerce and how local ownership improves livability and opportunity.

Engaging our Healthcare Workforce in Advance Care Planning – Vicki Buchda

An increasing number of hospitals, health systems and clinics are realizing the importance of advance care planning in their settings. This became even more apparent during COVID-19. There are many challenges to holding these conversations with patients and families: provider and staff comfort level with and understanding of the documents, time constraints, coding and reimbursement, and documentation. In this presentation we will describe the need, the challenges and approaches used by hospitals and clinics and examples of pivoting the approach during COVID-19. A case study about how a primary care practice obtained provider engagement and key success factors will be shared. We will summarize with lessons learned and scalability.

Development of a Closed Loop referral Network Between Providers and Social Services – Andrew Techeck

Heath Current teamed with AHCCCS and, in collaboration with 2-1-1 Arizona, are implementing a single, statewide closed-loop referral system to address social determinants of health (SDOH) needs in Arizona. This new technology platform is designed to connect healthcare and community service providers to streamline the referral process, foster easier access to vital services and provide confirmation when social services are delivered. Learn more about the program, its goals, features, and the progress thus far.

How 2-1-1 Arizona Can Assist Rural Arizonans – Hillary Evans

2-1-1 Arizona exists to help individuals and families find resources that are available to them locally, throughout the state, and provide connections to critical services that can improve and save lives. This presentation will highlight 2-1-1 services available to rural Arizonans, particularly in the areas of eviction prevention, transportation and food security, as well as COVID-19 specific resources.

Humanitarian Efforts in Border Communities – Amanda Aguirre and Hayley D. Yaglom

The Regional Center for Border Health, Inc. and its Rural Health Clinic San Luis Walk In Clinic, Inc. in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, joined efforts with the US Border Patrol, FEMA and the American Red Cross and other key non-for profit organization to respond to the humanitarian emergency crisis in the border by providing COVID-19 rapid testing and assisting refugees by providing shelter, food, clothing and medical care to the refugees' families and their children.

Migrant Health: Collaborating to Care for Vulnerable Populations – Anna Landau, MD

This presentation will address care for migrant patients, specifically those arriving on the US-Mexico Border. It will touch on work done by clinicians and volunteers at Casa Alitas Welcome Center, a shelter for asylum seekers in Tucson, AZ, as well as collaborative work done in partnership with both interprofessional teams through the University of Arizona and Arizona State University as well as with multiple local and national organizations. The presentation will touch on the specific needs of migrant patients both on an immediate and longer-term basis, on arrival at the Border, as well as once they are settled in their host communities across the country. It will also discuss the creation of a volunteer medical team and how that team, in conjunction with other local partners has served an incredibly vulnerable population before and during COVID-19.

COVAX: What is it and Why is it Important? – Will Humble and Dave Engelthaler

What is COVAX? COVAX is an international partnership led by the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, UNICEF, and the WHO. This international partnership was created to assist developing nations have access to COVID-19 vaccines that do not

have the resources to get the vaccine on their own. Learn which countries can participate and the importance of this partnership.

Lessons Learned from Pandemic Preparedness – Mona Arora
COVID-19 has shed light in how far we have come and what we have yet to achieve in terms of health equity. The vaccine roll-out is no different. Equity is a critical facet at all levels from data management and patient tracking to vaccine registration and prioritization. This presentation will present ethical principles and on-the-ground strategies for consideration in both COVID vaccine distribution as well as in a world post-COVID.

Lessons Learned from Pandemic Preparedness – Michael O’Driscoll

Gila County leaned on the strengths of a combined PHEP and EM program; adhering to the incident command structure (ICS) and EM strengths of responding to wildfires and floods; promoting public health strengths in the ICS to dedicate PHEP and immunization staff, and utilizing the networking of response partners to hit the ground running with a vaccine response where community partners were already familiar, exercised, and well prepared to team up for such a large challenge. These are the lessons learned.

Distance Learning and TeleHealth, Community Facilities, and e-Connectivity Programs – Jeffrey Hays

The USDA Rural Development Distance Learning and TeleHealth, Community Facilities, and e-Connectivity are programs designed to help improve the economy and quality of life in all of rural Arizona by providing financial programs to support essential public facilities and services such as health clinics, emergency service facilities, broadband and telehealth services.

Upstream Prevention by Addressing Social Determinants of Health – Nicola Winkel

For public health initiatives, COVID-19 required adaptation and creativity. The pandemic not only disrupted normal methods of service delivery, it also exacerbated pre-existing challenges such as food insecurity and access to care. Be Connected is Arizona’s statewide upstream prevention program focused on the military, veteran and family population. This session will focus on how this collective impact initiative adapted during COVID and developed new approaches to reaching and serving our focus population.

Creating Symbiosis During the COVID-19 Pandemic Through Academic-Service Partnerships and Community Engagement – Timian Godfrey and Jimis Shukri

Academic-service partnerships and community engagement serves as a promising learning modality to educate and train a future rural health workforce prepared to address health equity by promoting the application of a clinical skillset grounded in cultural humility. In the Spring of 2021, the University of Arizona College of Nursing and Arizona Area Health Education Centers collaborated with Gallup Indian Medical Center (GIMC) to assist workforce strain during COVID-19 relief efforts on the Navajo Nation. The multi-system, multi-level development and implementation of the collaborative project will be described. Along

with community engagement and cultural humility, highlights of the GIMC immersion included interprofessionalism and professional identity development. Further, the utilization and early impact of service learning as a pedagogical mechanism to centralize humanism and the social determinants of health in health profession education will be presented from a community partner, faculty, and student lens.

COVID-19 CAH Preparedness Project – Brianna Rooney

This assessment is a qualitative approach to documenting the experiences of Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) during the COVID-19 pandemic with the purpose of identifying barriers to the response and gaps in resources, such as staffing and personal protective equipment (PPE). From February to April 2021, 15 in-depth virtual interviews were conducted with each CAH-designated emergency manager or Chief Nursing Officer. It will help build a foundation for medical and healthcare readiness by strategizing hospital preparedness and response functions based on the statewide risk and needs of CAHs. This presentation will review the summary report that can be used to inform and improve future emergency responses, supplement the hospital after-action report (AAR), and provide concrete data to justify discussions with hospital leadership.

Hindsight is 2020: Where do we go from here? – Marcus Johnson

As we emerge from the rippling hardships associated with the pandemic, we can begin to look back with additional clarity. While it’s not uncommon for colleagues to remark that the pandemic accelerated or exacerbated long-standing problems, systemic change will require us all to adapt our pre-pandemic strategies, broaden our traditional lens and stretch into new arenas. This session will highlight some of the learnings born from COVID-19 and the innovations that are driving recovery. Perhaps most importantly, it will challenge us to think creatively about the unprecedented opportunities we now have to re-imagine and reconstruct our work in ways that bring health closer to our future.

GME and Teaching Health Centers – Charlie Alfero, Ed Paul, Judy Hunt, Jonathan Cartsonis

Charlie Alfero will address the rapidly developing policy and programmatic efforts to expand physician training with Medicare, Medicaid in New Mexico and Teacher Health Centers (HRSA) support for improving access to primary care, especially in rural and underserved populations. Graduate Medical Education is an incredibly complex educational and financial environment. What conditions support sustainable/viable residency programs outside of Academic Medical Centers and Tertiary Urban Teaching Hospital settings?

Judy Hunt: A Longitudinal Integrated Curriculum including inter-professional student in the rural Arizona has presents amazing opportunities for the rural workforce. This short presentation will discuss the benefits of an LIC for a rural town from the perspective of Payson, AZ.

PRESENTERS



Former Arizona State Senator **Amanda Aguirre** presently serves in the capacity of President & CEO of the Regional Center for Border Health, Inc. since 1991 and its subsidiary San Luis Walk-In Clinic, Inc., a primary care rural health medical center. Ms. Aguirre has been involved for more than 33 years in health care and business administration and has lived in Yuma for the past 29 years. In 2016 she became an ASU Morrison Institute's Distinguished Fellow. This title and role was created in 2012 by the institute as a way to utilize the institutional knowledge and innovated thinking of Arizona leaders.



Charles Alfero, MA, is the Executive Advisor to both the NM Primary Care Training Consortium and the Center for Health Innovation (CHI). Both are 501 c-3 nonprofit organizations CHI is also the New Mexico's Public Health Institute. Mr. Alfero founded CHI and served as Executive Director for five years. Prior to his time at CHI, he helped develop Hidalgo Medical Services, a Community Health Center providing primary medical, dental, mental health, family support, community development and health policy services in southwestern New Mexico. Mr. Alfero served as the Chief Executive Officer of HMS for 17 years. Mr. Alfero has 43 years of experience in rural health policy, systems and program development. He has been Director of Rural Outreach for the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center and Director of the Community Health Services Division in the New Mexico Department of Health among other health-related leadership positions.



Dr. Mona Arora is a researcher at the University of Arizona College of Public Health. She obtained her Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) degree in Tropical Medicine from the Tulane University School of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene and has a doctorate degree in Geography from the University of Arizona. Dr. Arora is also a member of the teaching faculty and teaches several undergraduate and graduate courses in the College of Public Health including a course on Public Health Emergency Preparedness. Her research focuses on building the public health capacity to address "wicked" public health challenges through the development of decision-support tools; enhancing science communication and translation; and integrating a health and equity lens to long-term, operational planning. Dr. Arora currently serves on the UArizona's Incident Command System and is the Co-Chair of the COVID-19 Vaccine Taskforce Chair. She is a member of the National Association of City & County Health Officials' Global Climate Change Workgroup, a planning member of the National Adaptation Forum, and a member of the Pima County Health Department's Ethics Committee.



Vicki Buchda, MS, RN, NEA-BC serves as the Vice President, Care Improvement for the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association. In this role she is responsible for contributing to the organization's mission: "Making Arizona the healthiest state in the Nation" by leading collaboratives to improve patient safety and reduce harm in hospitals, improve the patient and family experience, improve healthcare outcomes, and decrease costs to all Arizonians. She is a highly skilled professional with demonstrated expertise in clinical and system leadership. Vicki is passionate about harm prevention, including harm from opioids, reducing health disparities, maternal health, and advance care planning. Vicki has served in nursing and leadership roles within health systems including Mayo Clinic, Hawaii Pacific Health and Banner Health.



Dr. Jonathan Cartsonis attended the University of Arizona, Tucson, where he earned his medical degree and developed his interest in family and community medicine. During this time, he also met his wife — a fellow UA alumna and Family Physician in the Valley. Dr. Cartsonis has worked in many different settings, including the federally funded clinics Avondale Family Health Center and Health Care for the Homeless. He currently cares for patients at the Estrella Women's Jail in Phoenix. He is the medical director for the PA program for Northern Arizona University. In addition, he is highly involved in the Pathway Scholars Program for the UA College of Medicine — Phoenix, as well as many other programs involving rural health. Dr. Cartsonis is passionate about rural health and seeks to cultivate an environment at the UA where medical students can incorporate individualized learning styles and experiences to engage in the vibrant communities of rural towns/cities. His hope is that, ultimately, these same towns and cities will employ our medical students as they continue in their professions.



Daniel Derksen, MD, is the University of Arizona Health Sciences Associate Vice President for Health Equity, Outreach & Interprofessional Activities. He is a tenured Professor of Public Health in the Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health with joint appointments in the College of Medicine and the College of Nursing. His current service, education and research activities include informing legislative, regulatory and program policy to improve access to health care and health insurance coverage; narrowing health disparities; developing, implementing and evaluating interprofessional service-learning sites; and working to assure a well-trained and distributed health workforce to meet the health needs of all Arizonians.



Dr. David Engelthaler is an Associate Professor and the Director of TGen North, the infectious disease arm of the non-profit Translational Genomics Research Institute. He currently oversees the TGen North Clinical Laboratory, which has conducted testing and sequencing on tens of thousands of Arizona COVID-19 samples. Dave also oversees a number of research groups working on infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, valley fever, MRSA, and others. His team also provides genomic services to CDC and local health departments. He has published 140 scientific papers and has dozens of patented inventions. Dave received his Masters in Microbiology from Colorado State University and his PhD in Genomic Epidemiology at Northern Arizona University. Dave was previously the Arizona State Epidemiologist and a biologist for the CDC. Dave has started both for-profit and non-profit businesses and sits on a number of local and national Boards. Importantly, he led the establishment of Flagstaff, AZ as “America’s First STEM City”.



Hillary Evans is the Resource Strategy & Community Engagement Supervisor for Solari Crisis & Human Services, overseeing the Community Engagement Team for 2-1-1 Arizona. The 2-1-1 Community Engagement Team works to improve access to care and service delivery for individuals and families through improved coordination between 211 and community entities focused on housing, healthcare, economic and food security. Hillary has worked in the homeless and affordable housing field for over 14 years. She is passionate about ensuring access to housing for those most vulnerable on the streets, specifically people with criminal backgrounds related to their mental health or substance use. To this end, she has chaired and participated in numerous work groups on community coordinated entry, housing first, harm reduction, veteran homelessness and affordable housing legislation. She has a Masters in Human Rights Practice from the University of Arizona.



Dr. Timian Godfrey, a member of the Navajo Nation, is a clinical assistant professor at the University of Arizona College of Nursing (UA CON) and works in rural emergency healthcare in underserved communities as a nurse practitioner. She is the current program director for the HRSA Arizona Nursing Inclusive Excellence scholars project and an Indian Health Services award, Indians in Nursing Career Advancement Transition Scholars. She is a co-director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) at UA CON and serves on the interprofessional UA Health Sciences EDI committee. She also serves on the inaugural Western Institute of Nursing Diversity and Inclusion task force and the AACN Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Group to promote EDI and belonging in nursing research and education in the United States. Lastly, she is working with AzaHEC to establish a center dedicated to health science education opportunities with the 22 Arizona tribes.

Jeff Hays is currently Arizona’s Acting State Director for USDA Rural Development. His career with USDA Farmers Home Administration began in 1984 in the roles of County Supervisor, Assistant Area Supervisor for the National Appeals Staff, and District Director for southern California. He spent 14 years managing one of the Rural Empowerment Zones in continual collaboration with Rural Development. Jeff returned to Arizona in 2014 as a Rural Development Coordinator, Community Programs Director, and his current acting role. Jeff’s received many awards and recognitions for his achievements and creativity in utilizing RD’s programs. His passion though is working with communities to develop holistic strategies for their future weaving in RD’s programs for infill housing, economic development, and infrastructure resulting in strong relationships with partners and communities across the states.



Will Humble is a long-time public health enthusiast, and is currently the Executive Director for the Arizona Public Health Association (AzPHA). His 30 years in public health include more than 2 decades at the Arizona Department of Health Services, where he served in various roles including as the Director from 2009 to 2015. Prior to being appointed Director, he worked in various capacities in the public health preparedness service line. Most recently, he was a health policy director at the University of Arizona from 2015-2017. He continues to be involved in health policy in his role with AzPHA and as Adjunct Faculty with the UA Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health. He has a BS in Marketing from NAU, a BS in Microbiology from ASU, and a Masters in Public Health from the University of California at Berkeley. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science from the University of Arizona in 2015 for engaging partnerships between academic and executive public health.



Judith A. Hunt, MD, is a practicing IM/PED/Adolescent physician in Payson, AZ. She grew up in a town with less than 500 people and more than 500 cows. Always desiring to be a rural physician, she was an AHEC student in Nogales during UACOM-T medical school. The AHEC experience well prepared her for the position in Payson as the first pediatrician in town. After 25 years as a preceptor of students and residents, Dr. Hunt has joined the efforts of EAHEC and UACOM-P to establish the first Longitudinal Integrated Curriculum (LIC) in Payson.



Jill Jim, PhD, MPH, MHA, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and former member of the Biden-Harris Transition COVID-19 Advisory Board. Dr. Jim has a Doctorate in Public Health, a Master’s Degree in Health Care Administration, a second Master’s in Public Health from the University of Utah. Her career has focused on prevention of chronic diseases and addressing healthcare and health disparities among Native Americans. For close to two decades, she has served urban and tribal communities

in non-profit, state, federal agencies and most recently tribal government, serving as a cabinet member for the Navajo Nation Nez-Lizer Administration. She is currently the Executive Director at the Navajo Department of Health. Her leadership has been essential to the COVID-19 response on the Navajo Nation.



Marcus Johnson comes to the world of philanthropy by way of public health and health care, having worked for the Maricopa County Department of Public Health and the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association. He has contributed to numerous policy and systems changes in health care, behavioral health and public health, and is committed to bridging preventive health strategies with an evolving health care system to ensure that all communities have what they need to be healthy. As Director of State Health Policy and Advocacy, Marcus oversees Vitalyst's Health Foundation public policy agenda, and is responsible for initiatives related to access to coverage, healthcare workforce development and healthcare transformation. Marcus earned his Master's degree in Public Health and a B.S. in Physiology from The University of Arizona. In his free time, Marcus enjoys outdoor activities, weekend getaways with his family, and remaining a stubbornly optimistic fan of the Dallas Cowboys.



Anna Landau, MD, MPH, DTM&H is a Family Medicine physician. She is born and mostly raised in Tucson, AZ. She completed her medical and public health degrees at the University of Arizona and completed residency in Family Medicine at Harbor-UCLA. Following residency she completed the two-year UCSF-HEAL Initiative global health fellowship where she worked both on the Navajo Reservation in Tuba City and in a rural community in Liberia in West Africa. She joined faculty in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Arizona in 2017. She has also worked as the Co-Medical Coordinator for Casa Alitas, a shelter for Asylum seekers since 2018. She serves on the Executive Boards of both Doctors for Global Health and SEAHEC (Southeastern AZ Area Health Center).



Kimber Lanning is an entrepreneur, business leader and community development specialist who works to cultivate strong, self-reliant communities and inspire a higher quality of life for people across Arizona. Lanning is the founder and executive director of Local First Arizona Foundation, a statewide organization focused on creating a diverse and inclusive Arizona economy. LFAF is leading the nation in implementing systems and policies to ensure a level playing field for entrepreneurial endeavors and communities of all sizes. Lanning is also the founder of Local First Arizona, the largest advocacy organization for independently owned businesses in North America. Lanning has received national numerous awards for her diverse work and extensive leadership and speaks regularly around the country.

Her work in promoting adaptive reuse in Phoenix's urban core was recognized by the American Planning Association, who presented Lanning with the Distinguished Citizen Planner Award in 2013. She has also been named one of the "50 Most Influential Women in Arizona" (Arizona Business Magazine, 2011), was the recipient of the Athena Award by the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce in 2013, and was named Citizen Leader of the Year from the International Economic Development Council.

Michael O'Driscoll is the Director of Health & Emergency Management for Gila County Arizona. Michael joined Gila County in 2011 and has more than 30 years' experience in Emergency Management and Public Health and Emergency Preparedness. He has been integral in resolving large health disparity issues, vector-borne disease, foodborne outbreaks, ground water contamination, and hazardous materials complaints, among others—mitigating issues and ensuring public safety state-wide, across its various constituency populations. Beginning his public service career in Santa Clara County, CA, in 1989, Michael progressively rose the ranks, holding critical positions at DuPage and Kane Counties in Illinois. Michael spearheaded Gila County's community response to COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, coordinating contact tracing efforts, creating, and implementing streamlined vaccination protocols leading Gila County to become the first Local Health Department in the US to begin vaccinating general population of residents.



Ed Paul, MD is the Director of North Country HealthCare's family medicine residency program. He has enjoyed many years in a career in medical education teaching residents and medical students in rural and urban settings. He brings a wealth of clinical teaching and administrative experience as well as great enthusiasm to make our new residency program innovative and exceptional. Dr. Paul practices ambulatory family medicine and is especially interested in serving patients and families through multidisciplinary teams. He is passionate about training future family physicians to have the broad skills necessary to practice medicine effectively in our local region. Dr. Paul is married and has three daughters and three grandchildren. He enjoys the outdoors and listening to and playing stringed instruments.



Brianna Rooney, MPH is currently the Southern Region Manager with the Arizona Coalition for Healthcare Emergency Response (AzCHER) and works with the University of Arizona, Center for Rural Health on Critical Access Hospital preparedness. In 2019, she moved to Arizona from Lincoln, Nebraska where she worked for three years as the Hospital Preparedness Program Manager at the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. She earned a B.S. (2014) in Spanish and Biology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and an MPH (2016) in Epidemiology from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She now attends the UArizona pursuing her DrPH in the Public Health Policy and

Management Program, with interests in the health disparities of rural communities that impact healthcare preparedness and policies.



Anthony J. Santiago, MD, is the CEO for Gila River Health Care; he joined the organization as the CMO in April 2019 and assumed the CEO role in March 2020. Dr. Santiago is a nationally-recognized expert in neurodegenerative disorders; an active investigator for industry-sponsored and publicly-funded research – with more than 80 clinical trials and translational research projects; author of numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters; and, a frequent lecturer for patient advocacy groups, academic programs and professional medical societies. He received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Psychology from Le Moyne College in Syracuse, NY, and is a graduate of the Albany Medical College in Albany, NY – where he also completed his post-graduate training in Neurology, a Fellowship in Movement Disorders and Neuromodulation / Deep Brain Stimulation. He joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor in the Neurology Department.

Jimis Shukri graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Eastern Michigan University in 2014. He has been practicing as a cardiovascular intensive care nurse for six years. He has participated in crisis relief initiatives for COVID-19 during the rise of the pandemic and has traveled to hot spot locations such as New York and Texas. Currently enrolled at the University of Arizona in the Doctor of Nursing Practice, Family Nurse Practitioner Specialty. Also enrolled in rural telehealth graduate certificate program. The expected graduation is December 2021.



Jeff Sobotka, Vice President & State Broadband Director for the State of Arizona is responsible for strategically managing relationships with state government agencies, city and county governments, telecommunications carriers, federal communications policymakers, and nonprofits to advance the expansion of Broadband statewide. Jeff has 25 years in the telecommunications industry having worked for T-Mobile, AT&T, XO Communications and CenturyLink. Jeff has been a board member of the Arizona Telecommunications & Information Council (ATIC) since 2013 and the Phoenix Film Festival since 2015.



Andrew Terech is the Director of Social Determinants of Health for Health Current, Arizona's Health Information Exchange. He is a licensed associate counselor and has over 13 years of experience working in various leadership roles in behavioral healthcare and integrated healthcare settings. His passion for helping people, and leadership experience, led him to Health Current where he is leading a team to implement a statewide SDOH referral program aimed at improving access to vital social services.



Nicola Winkel is the Project Director for the Arizona Coalition for Military Families, a nationally-recognized public/private partnership focused on building Arizona's capacity to care for and support all service members, veterans, their families and communities. She oversees implementation of the Be Connected program, in partnership with the VA, Governor's Office and state agencies and other stakeholders. Nicola holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration. In addition to her work with the Coalition, she has provided consulting services for state and national initiatives, including the Be Resilient Program with the Arizona National Guard; Continuing education programming with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Mental Health Program; Project management of a Department of Defense study on mental health education, including adapting the Mental Health First Aid curriculum for use with veterans; Providing technical assistance for the SAMHSA and VA Technical Assistance Center; And assisting with development of the White House PREVENTS Initiative focused on veteran suicide.



Hayley Yaglom has a background in public health and epidemiology, with specific training and experiences in infectious disease and genomic surveillance. Her current work focuses on one health genomic surveillance programs, and the use of next-generation technologies to address problems at the human, animal, and environmental interface through detection of emerging pathogens, tracking of disease outbreaks and antimicrobial resistance in microbial populations. I worked as a Senior Vector-borne and Zoonotic Disease Epidemiologist at the Arizona Department of Health Services from 2014-2019, where I conducted disease surveillance, preparedness, prevention, and outreach activities with state, local, and tribal partners across Arizona. I worked largely with tribal and rural communities to combat the continued public health threat of endemic and emerging diseases. I established strong ties with tribal leadership, community health representatives, as well as Indian Health Services clinical, public health, and environmental health staff. As a result of these experiences, I have a deeply rooted appreciation for and understanding of collaborative partnerships with tribal communities across the Southwest. I graduated with a MPH in Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology from the University of Missouri. I strive to bring genomic epidemiology to the forefront of public health and build capacity and partnerships across disciplines to collaboratively address one health issues of our time.

**On behalf of the Center for Rural Health at The University of Arizona,
Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, we wish to
thank you for attending the 47th Annual Arizona Rural Health Conference.**

**Feel free to e-mail any of our staff if you have any questions.
We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at future events!**



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