

Tuesday, September 16	
3:00 – 5:00	Exhibitor Setup – Delegal Room
Wednesday, September 17	
10:00 - 12:00	Registration / Exhibitor Set-Up
1:00 - 1:15	Welcome & Opening Remarks Lloyd Sirmons, Executive Director, GRHA
1:15 - 2:00	Strategic Readiness: Is Your Organization Aligned for What's Ahead? <u>Speaker:</u> Jarvis Gray, FACHE, MHA, CLSSMBB, Founder, The Quality Coaching Company
2:00 - 2:45	Georgia's Medicaid Community Reinvestment Requirements <u>Speaker:</u> Lynette Rhodes, Esq., Chief Health Policy Officer, Georgia Department of Community Health
2:45 - 3:15	Networking Break with Exhibitors / Visit Student Posters
3:15 - 4:00	Project Elevate: A Maternal Child Health Workforce Development and Expansion Initiative <u>Speaker:</u> Jennifer L. Barkin, M.S., Ph.D., Professor of Community Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Mercer University School of Medicine
4:00 - 4:45	Collaborative Approaches to Maternal Health in Rural Areas <u>Speakers:</u> Marlo Michelle Vernon, Ph.D., MPH, Associate Professor, Augusta University Catherine Clary, JD, Director, Rural Health/ Assistant Professor, Augusta University School of Public Health Keisha Reneé Callins, MD, MPH, OB/GYN - Community Health Care Systems, Inc. Shelley Spires, MSM, CEO, Albany Area Primary Health Care, Inc.
4:45 – 5:00	Closing Remarks & Day One Giveaways <u>Speaker:</u> Lloyd Sirmons, Executive Director, GRHA
Thursday, September 18	
8:00 - 8:45	Breakfast with Exhibitors & Sponsors / Visit Student Posters
8:45 – 9:00	Welcome & Opening Remarks Lloyd Sirmons, Executive Director, GRHA
9:00 - 10:00	Keynote - Disrupting Burnout for Healthcare Professionals <u>Speaker:</u> Dr. Patrice Buckner Jackson (Dr. PBJ), EduCare Training and Consulting, LLC
10:00 - 10:30	Networking Break with Exhibitors / Visit Student Posters
10:30 - 11:30	Hospital Headwinds <u>Speakers:</u> Bill Wylie, Executive Vice President Business Operations, Georgia Hospital Association Dr. Francine Baker-Witt, DNP, MBA, LNHA, RN, President & CEO, Effingham Health Glenn Gann, Administrator, Southeast Georgia Health System – Camden Campus Kerry Trapnell, CAO, Aletheia Health Partners

11:30 – 1:00 Award Lunch – Atlantic Court Tent			
Breakout Sessions			
	Breakout 1 - Lanier 2&3 Telehealth	Breakout 2 – Lanier 1 RHC/FQHC	Breakout 3 – Solarium Student/Academic Pathway
1:00 - 1:30	Telehealth's Social Return on Investment in Rural Communities Speaker: Suleima Salgado, MBA, CEO, Global Partnership for Telehealth and Principal Investigator, Southeastern Telehealth Resource Center	Uncharted Water: Surviving Uncertain Times in RHCs Speakers: Patty & Jeff Harper, Inquiseek Consulting Uncertainty can stymie us, causing us to freeze or revert to unproductive behaviors. This session will explore foundational & conceptual principles to help you navigate uncertain times while increasing productivity & improving patient care.	Where Does Georgia Stand? Speaker: Kedrick Williams, DHA, MPH, Senior Rural Health Project Manager, Georgia Rural Health Innovation Center, Mercer University School of Medicine
1:40 - 2:10	Telemedicine in Practice Speakers: Carla Belcher, CEO, Community Healthcare Systems Shelley Spires , CEO, Albany Area Primary Healthcare		Why I Chose Rural, Real Stories from the Field Speaker: Dr. Keisha Reneé Callins, MD, MPH, OB/GYN - Community Health Care Systems, Inc.
2:15 – 2:45 Atlantic Court Tent	Speaker John Burns , Speaker Jon Burns (R-Newington) was elected as Georgia's 75th Speaker of the House of Representatives in January 2023. He represents the 159th legislative district of Georgia that includes Screven County and portions of Effingham and Bulloch Counties. He was first elected to the House in 2004. As Speaker, he serves as the House's chief administrative officer.		
3:00: - 3:30	Telehealth Technology Showcase and Live Consultation Demonstrations Global Partnership for Telehealth & the Southeastern Telehealth Resource Center Camille Conley , Telehealth Coordinator, Unison Behavioral Health Caeden Johnson , SBMHP Apex and Marketing Coordinator Julie Williams , BSN, RNC-OB, Director of Perinatal Services, Southwell - Tift Regional	RHC Billing/Compliance Update Speakers: Patty & Jeff Harper, Inquiseek Consulting This session will give an overview of anticipated 2026 changes for rural health clinic compliance and coding as well as FAQ about emerging topics.	State of the Georgia Community Health Worker Workforce – Past, Present, and Looking Forward Speaker: Natasha Taylor, MA, Deputy Director, Georgia Watch Candy Tookes , Program Coordinator, Georgia Watch

3:35 - 4:25	Georgia School-based Telehealth Initiatives <u>Speakers:</u> Kim Conley, BSN, RN, NCSN, AE-C, Program Manager, School Health Office of Whole Child Supports, Georgia Department of Education Millie Thrift, RN, Telehealth Coordinator, Ware County School System DJ O'Neal, RN, Telehealth Nurse Coordinator, Coffee County School System	Project Management & Sustainability <u>Speaker:</u> Sherrie Williams, LCSW, PMP, Director, Project Management Office, Mercer University School of Medicine	Exploring Loan Repayment & Scholarship Programs for Rural Providers <u>Speakers:</u> Monica Morris, CPRP, Director of Physician Recruitment & Retention, Southwell- Tift Regional Medical Center Nita Ham, Executive Director, Georgia State Office of Rural Health Bridging the Digital Divide Jasrina Kaushal, MD Candidate '26 Sohawm Sengupta, MD/MPH Candidate '27
4:30 – 5:00	Networking Break with Exhibitors / Visit Student Posters		
5:00	Closing Remarks & Day Two Giveaways		

Thursday, September 18, 6:00 – 7:30 Evening Reception with Exhibitors

Friday, September 19

8:00 - 9:00	Breakfast with Exhibitors & Sponsors / Visit Student Posters (Remember to check out of hotel room)
9:00 - 10:00	Mid-Year Legal Update for Rural Healthcare Providers <u>Speaker:</u> Michele Maddison, Partner, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP
10:00 - 10:45	Future Trends in Healthcare <u>Speaker:</u> Steve Wagman, National Healthcare Business Leader, Siemens Industry, Inc., Smart Infrastructure Division
10:45 - 11:00	BREAK
11:00 – 11:30	Rural Hospital Tele-ED Program <u>Speaker:</u> Matthew Lyon, MD, J. Harold Harrison, MD, Distinguished University Chair, Digital Health and Professor of Emergency Medicine, Associate Dean for Experiential Learning, Director for the MCG Center for Digital Health and the Executive Director of the Center for Ultrasound Education for the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University
11:30 - 12:00	Healthy Georgia: Our State of Public Health, 2025 Update <u>Speakers:</u> Zachary Hoffman, MS, Research Associate, Augusta University Kit Wootten, MS, Public Health Analyst, Augusta University
12:00 - 12:30	Overview: Georgia State Office of Rural Health <u>Speaker:</u> Nita Ham, Executive Director, Georgia State Office of Rural Health
12:30	Closing Remarks, Announcement of Poster Presentation Winner, Grand Prize Giveaway <u>Speaker:</u> Lloyd Sirmons, Executive Director, GRHA

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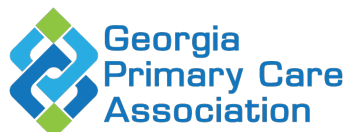
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