

2026 Mid-South Critical Access & Rural Hospital Conference

AGENDA



August 5-7, 2026 | Sheraton New Orleans Hotel | 500 Canal Street | New Orleans, LA 70130

Wednesday, August 5th

2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. **Sponsor Exhibit Set Up**
8th Floor

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. **Mid-South CAH Welcome Reception**
2nd Floor
Roux Bistro
Sponsored by Azalea Health

7:00 p.m. **Dinner On Your Own!**

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. **Registration & Breakfast**
8th Floor
Armstrong Ballroom
Connecting with our sponsors!

8:00 a.m. **Conference Opening & Welcome**

Chad Netterville, Executive Director
MS Rural Hospital Alliance

8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. **National Rural Health Association Update**

Brock Slabach, MPH, FACHE, COO
National Rural Health Association

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. *Collaborating with the sponsors!*

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **From Reactive to Reliable: Building a Culture of Patient Safety in Rural Hospitals**

Lisa Carhuff, MSN, RN, LSSGB
Hometown Health

10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m. *Engaging with the sponsors!*

10:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m. **Cost Reporting Strategies including How to Report RHTF**

Steven Smith, Forvis Mazars

11:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m. *Networking Lunch with Peers & Sponsors*

1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. **The Future of Healthcare Delivery**

Nate Kaufman, Keynote

2:00 p.m.—2:15 p.m. *Visting with the sponsors!*

2:15 p.m.—3:15 p.m. **AI in Rural Health Care**

Tyler Wallace, Ph.D.
Consultant | Advisor | Educator

3:15 p.m.—4:15 p.m. **340B Update**

William Newton, 340B Report

4:15 p.m. **Wrap-Up & Dinner on Your Own!**

Thursday, August 6th

7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast & Brainstorming**
8th Floor
Armstrong Ballroom

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **Rural Health Care Update**

Rebecca Jolley, American Hospital Association

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. *Networking Break*

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **ACHE In-Person Credit Session**
Be the Best Part of Their Day: Supercharging Communication with Values-Driven Leadership

David Schreiner, Ph.D., FACHE, CEO
National Center for Healthcare Leadership

11:45 a.m. **Conference Wrap-Up & Evaluations**

Chad Netterville

Friday, August 7th