



Public Hearing: Overcoming Challenges in Rural Healthcare

Agenda

January 22, 2026 • 9:00 a.m.

Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance
Testimony

Panel One:



Arielle Chortanoff

Arielle Chortanoff is Vice President of State Advocacy for the Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP), a leading statewide association that represents and advocates on behalf of more than 230 hospitals and health systems across PA. As a senior member of HAP's advocacy team, she leads the organization's state-level advocacy and health care policy efforts, engaging with PA's lawmakers, state agencies, and stakeholders to shape legislation and public policy that supports access to high quality health care statewide.

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Panel Two:



Miko Rose, DO, FNAOME

Dr. Miko Rose is the Founding Dean of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania's proposed College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she leads the institution's development toward accreditation and its mission to expand access to osteopathic medical education, especially in rural and underserved communities. She began her role as founding dean in November 2023 following a national search.



Lara Luetkehans, PhD

Dr. Lara Luetkehans is the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, serving as the university's chief academic officer responsible for advancing student success, academic excellence, and strategic priorities across all academic programs. She joined IUP in 2013 as dean of the College of Education and Communications and was named interim provost in 2021 before being selected for the permanent role in 2022 following a national search.



Stephen Wolfe

Stephen Wolfe is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Indiana Regional Medical Center (IRMC), a leading independent community hospital serving Indiana County and surrounding regions in Pennsylvania. He has led IRMC since February 1999, guiding the organization through more than two decades of growth, transformation, and reinvestment in patient care, technology, and facilities.



James Kinneer, PhD

Dr. James Kinneer is the Chief Human Resources Officer at Indiana Regional Medical Center (IRMC) in Indiana, Pennsylvania, where he leads strategic human resources and organizational development efforts for the hospital, a major regional employer. He has been with IRMC in HR leadership roles since 1995, advancing through positions including HR Generalist/Recruiter, Director of People and Organizational Development, and Vice President of People Organizational Development before his current role.



Kelly Meyer, MD

Dr. Kelly Meyer, native to the area, was born at Indiana Regional Medical Center, and raised in the surrounding community. Her passion for medicine began as a medical assistant at IMRC Orthopedics. Landing back home in 2023 to begin residency - at her top choice, IRMC Family Medicine Residency Program.

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