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2025 AGENDA
Thursday, April 3, 2025

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:45 a.m.	**Registration, breakfast and poster presentation**	Foyer
8:30–9:10 a.m.	**Welcome, opening remarks & legislative updates**	Cottonwood
9:10–10 a.m.	**PLENARY KEYNOTE** **Improving Perinatal Mental Health**: An Opportunity for Healthcare and Public Health to Collaborate **Jyotishman (Jyoti) Pathak, PhD** Inaugural Dean – ASU School of Technology for Public Health	Cottonwood
10-10:30 a.m.	**Break and poster presentations**	
10:30–11:20 a.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSION** **Data infrastructure and informatics** **Identifying and explaining suicide, homicide, and overdose hot spots in Arizona**, plus an Arizona Violent Death Reporting System dashboard presentation **Charles Katz**, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Arizona State University, Professor **Jordan Batchelor**, Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety, Arizona State University, Research Analyst **Laura Lightfoot**, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Arizona State University, Doctoral student	Ocotillo

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10:30–11:20 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION   **Using AI to enhance public health practice**

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Leveraging AI to Standardize Housing Interventions: Advancing Public Health Infrastructure in Arizona's Continuum of Care Programs

Kristin Ferguson, Arizona State University School of Social Work Professor
Elizabeth Da Costa, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), Director of Housing
Cinthia Martinez, ASU SIRC, Senior Program Manager, Community Engagement
Ash Uss, From the Ground Up, Executive Director, ASU SIRC, Research Consultant

10:30–11:20 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION   **Public health workforce**

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Public Health Inclusion and Belonging and Employee-Driven Approach

Sue Damiata, Pinal County Public Health, Workforce Development Program Manager

10:30–11:20 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION   **Data infrastructure and informatics**

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Enhancing Depression Care for Pregnant and Postpartum Women Through Data Visualization: Insights from the Arizona EQUIDEM Pilot Project

Matt Martin, Arizona State University, Clinical and Research Associate Professor
Rachel Beard, MS, ASU, Data Analyst
Mellena Burnside, MScBMI, CPhT, ASU, Research/Lab Assistant

11:20–11:30 a.m.   **Transition**

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TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
11:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSION** **Data infrastructure and informatics** **The 2024 State Health Assessment** **Celia Nabor, MPA**, Arizona Department of Health Services, Assistant Director, Prevention Services **Nicole DeWitt**, Arizona Department of Health Services, Assistant Deputy Director, Public Health Preparedness	Ocotillo
11:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSION** **Using AI to enhance public health practice** **Merging Minds and Machines (M & M's) | Re-envisioning Public Health Innovation** **Deanna Lewis, DrPH, MBA, PA-C**, Forward Moving Concepts, llc, Consultant	Desert Star
11:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSION** **Public health workforce** **Bridging the Gap:** Cultivating Public Health Leaders Through Workforce Innovation and Experiential Learning **Diana Kinsfather MS, RDN**, Maricopa County Department of Public Health Applied Professional Experiences Supervisor (APEX) **Lisa Polovin**, Maricopa County Department of Public Health Fellowship Coordinator **Lisa Clarke, MS, RD, CNSC**, Maricopa County Department of Public HealthDietetic Internship Coordinator **Tatiana Gleason, MPA**, Maricopa County Department of Public Health Public Health Internship Coordinator	Cottonwood
11:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSION** **Data infrastructure and informatics** **Integrating Data to Action:** Enhancing Overdose Surveillance and Response in Pima County **Mark Person**, Senior Program Manager, Pima County Health Department. **Rachael Hinkel**, Epidemiologist, Pima County Health Department.	Brittlebrush
12:20 -1:30 p.m.	**Lunch and poster presentations**	

TIME	SESSION		LOCATION
1:30–2:20 p.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSION**	Data infrastructure and informatics	Cottonwood

Substance Use Data to Action: Development of the City of Phoenix Opioid Overdose Alert System Methodology and Program Framework

Kelli Kostizak, MPH, City of Phoenix, Special Projects Administrator
Matt Miller, PhD, ASU's REACH Institute & SATRN Postdoctoral Fellow
Nick Shively, City of Phoenix Business Analyst
Yanitza Soto, MPH, City of Phoenix, Public Health Advisor

TIME	SESSION		LOCATION
1:30–2:20 p.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSION**	Using AI to enhance public health practice	Ocotillo

Leveraging AI for Smarter Public Health Decision-Making: Balancing Innovation with Cultural Responsiveness

Prabhneet Girn, MPH, Arize Care Consulting, Founder & CEO

TIME	SESSION		LOCATION
1:30–2:20 p.m.	**BREAKOUT SESSION**	Public health workforce	Desert Star

Fostering Connection and Quality: Improving Behavioral Health Care Through Collaboration

Victoria Tewa MS, LPC, The Alliance ACO/ NARBHA Institute, Director of Clinical Advancement

TIME	SESSION		LOCATION
	BREAKOUT SESSION	Public health workforce	

Tribal Healthcare Workforce Development: A Collaborative Approach
Ernestine Nasingoetewa, American Indian Health - Area Health Education, Center Grants Program Coordinator

1:30–2:20 p.m.			Brittlebush

2:20-2:35 p.m.	**Break and transition**		

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION

2:35–3:25 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION **Data infrastructure and informatics** — Cottonwood

Data as a Driver of Action: Leveraging Wastewater Monitoring for H5 Detection and Response

Chelsi White, MS, CIC, Maricopa County Department of Public HealthSenior Surveillance Epidemiologist
Crystal M.Hepp Ph.D, Translational Genomics Research Institute and Northern Arizona University Associate Professor
Sarah Avalle, MS, Arizona Department of Health Services Wastewater Surveillance Epidemiologist

2:35–3:25 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION **Using AI to enhance public health practice** — Desert Star

The AI Co-Worker You Never Knew You Needed

Carmen Batista, Maricopa County Department of Public Health, Division Administrator
Nina Lindsey, Maricopa County Department of Public Health, Grant Unit Manager

2:35–3:25 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION **Public health workforce** — Brittlebush

Building a Sustainable Mental Healthcare Workforce in Arizona: Provider Perspectives and Solutions

Nathanial Meitl, Arizona State University College of Health Solutions, Undergraduate Researcher

BREAKOUT SESSION **Public health workforce**

Building the Future: Strengthening the Public Health Workforce by Reimaging Graduate Education

2:35–3:25 p.m. — Ocotillo

Abigail York, Arizona State University, Professor
Kristen Pogreba-Brown, University of Arizona, Associate Professor
Megan Jehn, ASU, Professor

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
3:25-3:40 p.m.	Break and transition	
3:40–4:30 p.m.	**CLOSING PLENARY PANEL** **ADHS Data Modernization Initiative: Building an Innovative Infrastructure for Public Health** **Wesley Kortuem,** Data Analytics Section Lead, Arizona Department of Health Services **Susan Robinson, MPH**, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer, Arizona Department of Health Services **Jacob Hojnacki, MPH**, Lead Epidemiologist, Coconino County Health and Human Services	Cottonwood
4:30 p.m.	**Closing remarks and evaluation**	Cottonwood

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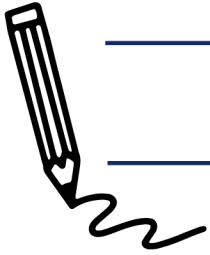
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