

Conference Task Force 2023 Year-End Report

The task force met via Zoom for discussion of possible topics and speakers on 9/13/22. Discussion was held on speaker ideas that had been brought to group. A list of the top choices was compiled and selected. NDPHA selects one keynote speaker, one two-hour intensive session, and five breakout sessions annually for the conference. Topics and speakers for the keynote, intensive and the five breakout sessions were decided upon based on group consensus, including back-ups, and task force members took responsibility for following up on these. Task force members returned initial info from each speaker to Joni for further follow up. With follow-up email communication, there was no need for a second taskforce meeting.

The only speaker expenses this year is the hotel, meals, ground transportation and other expenses while in Bismarck for our keynote. Most meals are included with the conference and the hotel provides an airport shuttle, so expenses beyond the hotel room should be minimal. No additional requests from speakers were made for expenses. This should keep us well under the allotted budget for speakers.

NDPHA's speakers for the 2023 Dakota Conference include (keynote in Hall A; all in intensive/breakout sessions in Prairie Rose Room 101, except for session 15, which is in Prairie Rose Room 103):

Session Type/#	Date/Time	Title	Speaker(s)
Keynote 2	Thurs., 6/15 8:00– 9:00am	Harnessing the Power of Public Health Together	Chris Chanyasulkit , PhD, MPH, President American Public Health Association, Temple University, Brookline, MA
Intensive 1a	Thurs., 6/15 2:40– 3:40pm	DEI – Workshop	Alicia Belay , MPH, PhD, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, ND Department of Health and Human Services, Bismarck
Intensive 1b	Thurs., 6/15 3:50– 4:50pm	DEI – Workshop	Alicia Belay , MPH, PhD, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, ND Department of Health and Human Services, Bismarck
Breakout Session 1	Wed., 6/14 1:35– 2:20pm	The Future of Public Health in North Dakota	Nizar Wehbi , State Health Officer, ND Department of Health and Human Services, Bismarck
Breakout Session 5	Thur., 6/15 11:20am– 12:05pm	Best Practices for Local Public Health working with legislators to advance Health in All Policies	Chris Chanyasulkit , PhD, MPH, President American Public Health Association, Temple University, Brookline, MA
Breakout Session 9	Fri., 6/16 9:05– 9:50am	North & South Dakota Perinatal Quality Collaborative	Andrew Williams , PhD MPH, Assistant Professor, University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Grand Forks Morgan Barnes , B.S., North and South Dakota Perinatal Quality Collaborative Coordinator, University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Grand Forks
Breakout Session 13	Fri., 6/16 11:40am– 12:25pm	Healthcare Delivery in Tribal Communities	Tasha Peltier , MPH, CPH, Partnership to Advance Tribal Health Quality Improvement Advisor and Community Engagement Advocate, Quality Health Associates of North Dakota, Minot

Breakout Session 15	Fri., 6/16 11:40am- 12:25pm	Upstream Strategies in Maternal Child Health	Katie Johnke , RDN, LRD, CLC, Nutrition Services Coordinator, Bismarck Burleigh Public Health, Bismarck Jodie Fetsch , RN, Director of Nursing, Western Plains Public Health, Mandan Keely Ihry , Director of Student Services, South East Education Cooperative, Fargo
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Lastly, I just want to thank the Conference Taskforce members for their hard work this year. I also want to thank the speakers, moderators, and all others who volunteered to assist with the conference in any way.

I believe we have a wonderful conference planned with a strong public health emphasis. I hope you all enjoy it! Make sure you mark the dates for next year's conference on your calendar: June 3-5, 2024, at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks (<https://ruralhealth.und.edu/dakota-conference>).

Joni Tweeten, Conference Liaison/Taskforce Chair

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