



HEALTH

ON THE PLAINS

Building Thriving Rural Communities

INAUGURAL VIRTUAL CONVENING

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Friday, Dec. 6, 2024



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- Nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization based in Topeka.
- Established in 1995 with a multi-year grant by the Kansas Health Foundation.
- Committed to convening meaningful conversations around tough topics related to health.



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**How do we build and
sustain *thriving* rural
communities?**

Agenda

- 10:00 a.m. **Welcome**
- 10:10 a.m. **Setting the Stage:** The Thrive Rural Framework
- 10:25 a.m. **First Panel Discussion:** Supporting Health Outside of the Hospital
- 11:35 a.m. *Break*
- 11:40 a.m. **Second Panel Discussion:** Bridging Community Development & Health
- 12:50 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
- 1:00 p.m. **Adjourn**



Setting the Stage: The Thrive Rural Framework



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Collaborative Strategies for Rural Health and Economic Prosperity

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Panel Discussion #1

Supporting Health Outside of the Hospital



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Panelists



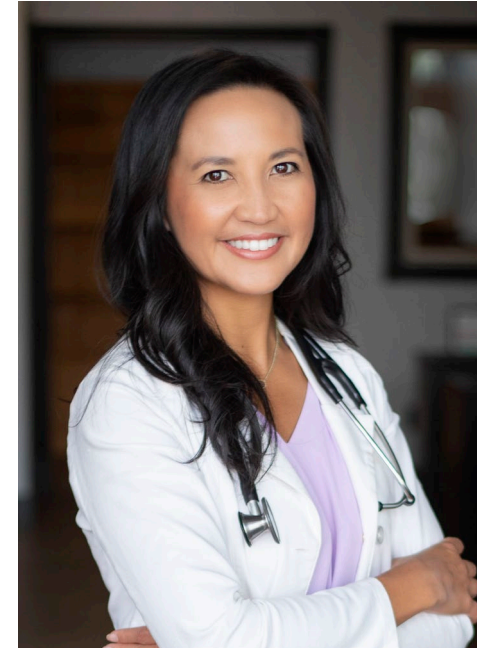
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Break



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Panel Discussion #2

Bridging Community Development & Health



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