

HOT ISSUES IN HEALTH

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What happens next *matters more than ever*

8:30–9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Networking

9:00–9:15 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

- ▶ *Jeff Moser, CHI Board of Trustees; Senior Vice President of Partner Strategy, Compass One Healthcare*
- ▶ *Cathy Bradley, Dean, Colorado School of Public Health*

9:15–9:30 a.m. Welcome Remarks

- ▶ *Sara Schmitt, President and CEO, CHI*

9:30–10:15 a.m. Colorado in Context: The Federal Health Policy Landscape and What the Election Means for the Centennial State

We will sort through the noise of the 2024 campaign, separating the truth from the tweets and exploring the federal decisions most likely to impact health across the state.

- ▶ *Emily Johnson, Managing Director of Research, Evaluation, and Convening, CHI*

10:15–10:30 a.m. Break

10:30–11:30 a.m. Panel Discussion

Three veteran Colorado journalists will discuss what they saw during the election, why the results will matter for Colorado, and how they approach public communication in a polarized time.

- ▶ *Stephanie Daniel, Senior Managing Editor, KUNC*
- ▶ *Luige Del Puerto, Editor, Colorado Politics*
- ▶ *Megan Verlee, Public Affairs Editor, Colorado Public Radio*
- ▶ *Moderator: Karam Ahmad, Managing Director of Partnerships and Development, CHI*

11:30–12:15 p.m. Legislative Preview

We look ahead to the 2025 session, where the tight budget is already forcing lawmakers to prepare for tough choices.

- ▶ *Joe Hanel, Director of Communications, CHI*

12:15–12:30 p.m. Closing Remarks

- ▶ *Cathy Bradley, Dean, Colorado School of Public Health*
- ▶ *Sara Schmitt, President and CEO, CHI*

12:30 p.m. Lunch

Box lunches will be available at the back of the room. You may grab a lunch and go, but we encourage you to stay and network with your colleagues.

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OUR SPEAKERS



Cathy Bradley is Dean of the Colorado School of Public Health and Deputy Director of the University of Colorado Cancer Center. She was previously the founding Chair of the Department of Healthcare Policy and Research at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. She is also a first-generation college graduate.



Stephanie Daniel is the Senior Managing Editor at KUNC, National Public Radio's Northern Colorado affiliate. Her reporting has been featured on NPR's 1A, Latino USA, and The Pulse. When not working, Stephanie enjoys an adventure and has visited more than 20 countries.



Luige Del Puerto is the Editor of Colorado Politics and The Denver Gazette. He previously covered policy and politics in Phoenix and the Philippines. Luige and his wife immigrated to the United States in 2006 and became American citizens six years later.



Jeff Moser, Chair of CHI's Board of Trustees and Senior Vice President of Partner Strategy at Compass One Healthcare, has more than 30 years of health care advisory and consulting experience. Outside of work, he enjoys golf, hiking, skiing, camping, and fly fishing.



Megan Verlee is Public Affairs Editor of Colorado Public Radio, which she joined in 2008, just in time to cover the presidential election. Although raised in California, Megan always wanted to live here. Both of her parents were from Colorado, and she's long considered this state her home.

CHI'S TEAM



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Bios



Karam Ahmad, Managing Director of Partnerships and Development, is responsible for fostering relationships and creating opportunities to support CHI. He previously led the organization's evaluation portfolio and Acclimate Colorado, CHI's climate and health portfolio. When not on the clock, he plays semi-professional soccer in the Mountain Premier League and mixes music as a DJ.



Joe Hanel, CHI's Director of Communications, covered politics and the legislature for various Colorado newspapers for two decades before coming to CHI 10 years ago. At home, Joe lives with his wife, two children, a cat, three goats, and a flock of chickens.



Emily Johnson, Managing Director of Research, Evaluation, and Convening, ensures the quality, accuracy, and relevance of CHI's products and deliverables. As Director of Policy Analysis, she oversaw data analysis for the Colorado Health Access Survey and developed statistical models to estimate local data. She lives with her husband and two children by her favorite spot in Colorado, the Santa Fe Arts District.



Sara Schmitt, President and CEO, oversees CHI's overall strategy and operations. Previously as a Managing Director, she helped envision and create the Metro Denver Partnership for Health and led data sharing efforts to support public health monitoring and evaluation. Nearly every Monday of the year, Sara prepares meals in the kitchen at Project Angel Heart.