



THE BLUEPRINT: RURAL POLICY, PRACTICE, & SUSTAINABILITY

2026 NC CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL STATEWIDE MEETING

8:00
8:30

Registration Check-In & Open Networking

Welcome

Shakeerah McCoy, Director Rural Health Innovation,
North Carolina Healthcare Foundation (NCHF)
Josh Dobson, President & CEO, North Carolina
Healthcare Association

8:45-
9:30a

THE POLICY BLUEPRINT:

N.C. Rural Transformation Plan Update

Debra Farrington, Deputy Secretary of Health
North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services

9:30-
10:30a

THE BLUEPRINT: BEST PRACTICE FOR HOSPITAL & COMMUNITY VALUE-DRIVEN INITIATIVES

Spencer Cummings, CEO, Cape Fear Valley Bladen
Nick Galvez, Rural Hospitals Program Manager
N.C. Office of Rural Health
Rachelle Schultz, President/CEO Winona Health
Jonathan Pantenburg, Principal, Wintergreen

10:30-
1045a

Networking Break

10:45-
11:45a

THE BLUEPRINT:

PATHWAYS TO IMPACT INVESTING AS A VALUE-DRIVEN STRATEGY

Nathan Doller, Director, Carolina Demography
Lisa McKeithan, Placement Services Manager
NC Office of Rural Health
Emily Roland, Executive Director, NCHF
Shakeerah McCoy, Director Rural Health Innovation,
NCHF, Facilitator

11:45-
12:00p

CLOSING REMARKS, EVALUATION, NETWORKING LUNCH, DEPART FOR WINTER MEETING

Dr. LaPonda Edmondson, President, NCHF
Shakeerah McCoy, Director, Rural Health Innovation,
NCHF



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