



South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations

100TH
ANNUAL CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2026

Sioux Falls Convention Center

2026 ANNUAL CONVENTION

A Century Strong:
Honoring our Past | Shaping our Future

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Sept. 16

- Golf Event
- 12:00pm - 5:00pm
- Elmwood Golf Course

Thursday, Sept 17

- Networking Breakfast
- Educational sessions
 - 8:00am - 4:00pm
- Exhibitor Social
 - 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Friday, Sept 18

- Networking Breakfast
 - Membership Meetings
 - 7:30am - 8:30am
 - Educational Sessions
 - 8:45am - 12:30pm
- all in central time*

VENUE

Sioux Falls Convention Center
1201 N. West Ave
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Nearby Hotels:

- Sheraton Sioux Falls Hotel- [click here](#)
- Holiday Inn & Suites - [click here](#)

OVERVIEW

SDAHO's 100th Annual Convention celebrates a century of bringing health care professionals together to learn, collaborate, and lead. Join colleagues from across South Dakota's health care continuum as we honor our past, celebrate excellence through our annual awards program, and look ahead to the future of health care.

Be inspired by nationally recognized keynote speakers, gain practical insights through timely educational sessions, and connect with exhibitors and industry partners from across the state and country as we shape the next century of care.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Learning opportunities specific to leadership, post-acute, finance, quality, human resources, technology, nursing, and social work
- Awards Luncheon celebrating health care professionals
- Exclusive exhibitor social
- 9+ hours of continuing education credits available
- ACHE credits

ATTENTION VENDORS

Sponsor and exhibitor opportunities are available. Annual exhibitor social is September 17, 4:00pm - 6:00pm. [Click here](#) for more information or visit sdaho.org/sponsors

REGISTRATION

Registration is per person and includes admission to the conference, meals and snacks, exhibitor social, attendance to the awards luncheon and continuing education hours.

[Click here](https://members.sdaho.org/events/2026-annual-convention) to register or visit our website at <https://members.sdaho.org/events/2026-annual-convention>. If you need assistance with registration, please contact the SDAHO office at 605-361-2281 or email info@sdaho.org.

- Member – \$199 (until Aug 2, then price goes up to \$250)
- Nonmember – \$375
- Student Registration – \$75
- Golf Event on September 16 – \$60 (members) \$75 (non-members)
- New this year! Member Group Pricing
 - \$1,000 for 6 individuals
 - add additional people for \$167 each

Cancellation/Refund Policy: Policies regarding refunding of registration fees for the SDAHO Convention are:

1. Full Refund: (less \$25.00 processing fee) if cancellation is received 2 weeks (September 2 or earlier) prior to Convention.
2. 50% Refund if cancellation is received between 1 and 2 weeks (September 3-9) prior to the Convention.
3. NO REFUND if cancellation is received less than 1 week prior (September 10-15) to the Convention.
4. NO REFUND for “No-Shows.” Exceptions to this policy may be made in unusual circumstances at the discretion of the SDAHO President.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Nursing Facility Administrator 10.8
 - SDAHO is the South Dakota Affiliate of LeadingAge, an approved provider of continuing education in nursing facility administration by the South Dakota Board of Nursing Facility Administrators. There are up to 10.8 hours available.
- Social Worker 10.8
 - SDAHO is approved as a provider for continuing education by the South Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners, 135 East Illinois, Suite 214, Spearfish, SD 57783, Provider #1000. There are up to 10.8 hours available.
- ACHE 3.0 In-Person
 - **PENDING* This program has been developed and is presented locally by ACHE of South Dakota. The American College of Healthcare Executives has awarded 3.0 ACHE In Person Education Credits to this program.*
- CDM/CFPP 5.0
 - SDAHO is approved as a CE provider for the CDM, CFPP by the Certifying Board of Dietary Managers. There are up to 5.0 hours available.

GOLF EVENT

Kick off the convention with this popular annual event on Wednesday, September 16 with a shotgun start at 1:15pm. Golf with fellow health care professionals at Elmwood Golf Course, Sioux Falls' flagship course.

Golf registration is an optional add-on and includes team placement and cart. All skill levels are invited.

Schedule at-a-Glance

all in central time



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

12:00pm – 5:00pm

Golf Event – Elmwood Golf Course

7:00pm – 8:00pm

SDAHO Board Meeting



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00am – 8:00am

Registration and Breakfast

8:00am – 9:15am

Welcome and Opening Keynote

- Becoming an Idea Factory: Innovating for the Next 100 Years

9:30am – 10:30am

Breakout Sessions

- Transform Care Delivery by Scaling Intelligent Care: What Works, What Delivers, What Lasts
- Psychological Safety in Healthcare: Building Teams that Speak Up, Learn and Perform
- Homeward Bound
- PIP PIP Hooray! Reducing Harm with Patient Injury Prevention Rounds
- Bridging the Healthcare Affordability and Trust Gap

10:30am – 12:00pm

Sponsored by ACHE of SD

- Innovation and the Changing Face of Healthcare Delivery in South Dakota

10:45am – 11:45am

Breakout Sessions

- Innovation and the Changing Face of Healthcare Delivery in South Dakota
- Recovery Close to Home: Substance Use Disorder Care in Rural South Dakota
- The Human Side of Change in Healthcare: Leading Through Uncertainty, Technology, and Transformation
- Safe Hands, Calm Minds

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Lunch and Awards Ceremony

1:45pm – 2:45pm

Breakout Sessions

- Advancing Healthcare Delivery Through Simulation and Educational Preparedness
- When Things Blow Up: Recovering from a Building Explosion,
- A View From Washington: Rural Health Updates from D.C. & Implications from RHTP
- Clinical and Clinician Integrated Value Enhancement
- Building the Rural Healthcare Workforce: The AHEC Approach
- Fostering Resident, Family, and Staff Relationships to Manage Complaints

Thursday continued

1:45pm – 3:15pm

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- Physicians & Leadership – The Critical Role of a Physician Executive in Organizational Strategy

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Breakout Sessions

- Paws & Pet: Exploring Animal – Assisted Care for Healthcare Professionals
- Patients as Consumers: Building Trust and Loyalty in Modern Healthcare
- Inside the Payer Friction Playbook: How Insurers have Tilted the Field—And How to Even the Score
- QI on the Run: Turning Data into Action
- Top Risks for Post-Acute Care

4:00pm – 6:00pm

100th Celebration & Exhibitor Social



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:30am – 8:30am

- Membership Meetings
- Networking Breakfast

8:45am – 9:45am

General Session:

- A Century Strong: The Story of SDAHO

10:00am – 11:00am

Breakout Sessions:

- 2026 State of the Healthcare Industry
- Active Threat Preparedness
- Tuberculosis in South Dakota: Review of TB Epidemiology, TB Program Services and Recommendations for Health Care Facilities

11:15am – 12:15pm

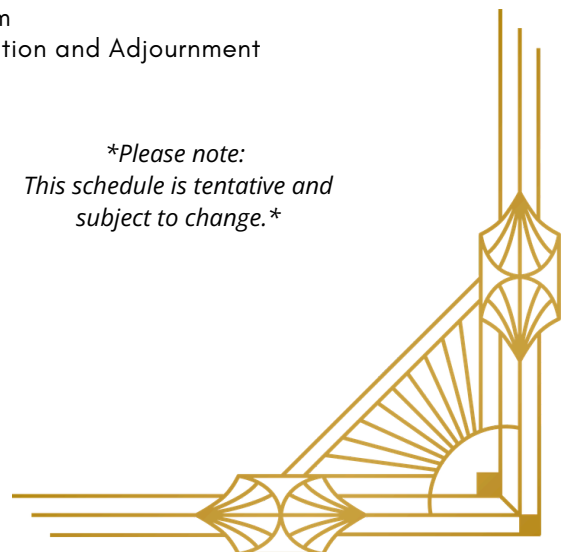
Closing Keynote

- A Century of Impact Begins with One Life: Leadership Lessons from the Ring to the Rainforest

12:15pm–12:30pm

Closing Celebration and Adjournment

**Please note:
This schedule is tentative and
subject to change.**



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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



KYLE SCHEELE
ARTIST, AUTHOR
AND INNOVATION
SPEAKER

Kyle Scheele is a keynote speaker, author, and creativity expert known for turning unconventional ideas into high-impact projects. Featured in Fast Company, WIRED, The Washington Post, and BuzzFeed, Kyle has inspired audiences across all 50 states to think differently, embrace innovation, and take action on bold ideas.

During SDAHO's Convention, Kyle will challenge attendees to become "idea factories," exploring how creativity and innovation can help shape the future of healthcare and the next century of care.



BILLY MILLS
SOUTH DAKOTA
OLYMPIC GOLD
MEDALIST

Billy Mills remains the only American to win Olympic gold in the 10,000m, earning his historic victory at the Tokyo 1964 Olympic Games. A member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe who grew up on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Reservation, Mills overcame significant adversity to become one of the most inspiring figures in Olympic history.

At SDAHO's Convention, his story will be featured during the award ceremony as a powerful reminder of endurance, belief, and legacy.



**JOCELYN
HERRINGTON**
ADVISORY BOARD

Jocelyn Herrington brings Advisory Board's research and insight to life in the market while developing creative partnership opportunities with their most valued members. Since 2013 she has served Optum and Advisory Board in a variety of delivery, commercial, and leadership roles, from managing consulting projects to overseeing all Advisory Board client services.

During SDAHO's Convention, Herrington will provide a forward-looking perspective on the 2026 state of the healthcare industry, examining the forces reshaping care delivery, reimbursement, and organizational strategy.



JUSTIN WREN
FOUNDER
FIGHT FOR THE
FORGOTTEN

Justin Wren is a former MMA fighter, bestselling author, and founder of Fight For The Forgotten. After overcoming bullying, addiction, depression, and personal struggles, Justin found renewed purpose serving indigenous communities in remote regions of the world.

Closing SDAHO's 100th Annual Convention, Justin will present "A Century of Impact Begins with One Life," sharing powerful lessons on resilience, purpose, leadership, and the lasting impact one life can make.

Session Schedule

THURSDAY | 9/17

7:00am

Registration and Networking Breakfast

8:00am - 9:15am

WELCOME AND OPENING KEYNOTE

Becoming an Idea Factory: Innovating for the Next 100 Years

Kyle Scheele, Author, Innovation Speaker, Creativity Expert

What You'll Learn

- Discover how creativity can be developed across an organization
- Practical strategies for generating better ideas
- Ways innovation can help prepare healthcare organizations for future challenges

Why Attend?

Learn how to foster a culture of innovation that improves operations, workforce engagement, and patient care.

Recommended For: All Attendees | CE Credit: SW, NHA = 1.2

9:30am - 10:30am

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Rural Health Transformation Funding and Technology

Secretary Melissa Magstadt, South Dakota Department of Health

What You'll Learn

- Overview of the Rural Health Transformation Program
- Available funding opportunities
- Future plans for healthcare transformation in South Dakota

Why Attend?

Gain insight into one of the state's most significant healthcare initiatives and how it may impact your organization.

Recommended For: Hospital & Health System Leaders | Business, Operations & Innovation | Post-Acute Care | CE: SW & NHA = 1.2

Transform Care Delivery by Scaling Intelligent Care: What Works, What Delivers, What Lasts

Pete Haas, MEd, Managing Director, Huron Consulting

What You'll Learn

- How intelligent care (AI) improves outcomes and efficiency
- Ways to assess organizational readiness
- Practical implementation strategies

Why Attend?

Discover practical approaches to innovation and transformation that can be adapted to organizations of all sizes and resources.

Recommended For: All Attendees | CE: NHA = 1.2

Psychological Safety in Healthcare: Building Teams that Speak Up, Learn and Perform

Ryan Bouda, Leadership & Change Consultant, LEAP Training & Coaching

What You'll Learn

- The connection between psychological safety and patient outcomes
- Leadership behaviors that encourage open communication
- Methods to strengthen teamwork and trust

Why Attend?

Create a workplace culture where employees feel safe to speak up, learn, and contribute.

Recommended For: All Attendees | CE: CDM/CFPP = 1.0, SW & NHA = 1.2

PIP PIP Hooray! Reducing Harm with Patient Injury Prevention Rounds

Tanya Cuppy, MSN, RN, CIC, Infection Prevention Strategist, Sanford Health

Kaitlyn Knodel, MSN, RN, CPPS, Director, Quality, Sanford Health

What You'll Learn

- How PIP rounds help prevent patient harm
- Tools to improve consistency and accountability
- Outcomes achieved through implementation

Why Attend?

Learn how one health system reduced preventable harm using structured safety practices.

Recommended For: Clinical & Patient Care | CE: NHA = 1.2

Session Schedule

THURSDAY | 9/17

9:30am - 10:30am

BREAKOUT SESSIONS CONTINUED

Homeward Bound

Heather Krzmarzick, MBA, Division Director, Long Term Services and Supports, SD Department of Human Services
Sara Spisak, MS, Home Again SD Program Director, SD Dept. of Social Services, Div. of Medical Services

What You'll Learn

- Long-term services and supports available in South Dakota
- Eligibility and referral processes
- How Home Again SD supports successful transitions home

Why Attend?

Learn about resources that help older adults and individuals with disabilities remain independent.

Recommended For: Post-Acute Care | Clinical & Patient Care | CE: SW & NHA = 1.2

Bridging the Healthcare Affordability and Trust Gap

Shelly Soupir, MBA, CRCC, SVP, Provider Markets, AblePay Health

What You'll Learn

- Affordability trends affecting healthcare organizations
- How cost impacts patient trust
- Strategies that benefit patients and providers

Why Attend?

Explore practical ways to improve financial performance while enhancing the patient experience.

Recommended For: Hospital & Health System Leaders | Business, Operations & Innovation | CE: NHA = 1.2

10:30am - 12:00pm

ACHE SESSION

Innovation and the Changing Face of Healthcare Delivery in South Dakota

Mark List, MD, Physician, Avera Medical Group
Patrick Woodard, MHA, MD, Chief Information Officer, Monument Health
Derrick Schaefer, Vice President, Data Analytics Operations, Sanford Health
Pete Haas, MEd, Managing Director, Huron Consulting

What You'll Learn

- Current AI initiatives in healthcare
- Opportunities and limitations of artificial intelligence
- Lessons learned from implementation

Why Attend?

Hear healthcare leaders discuss real-world AI applications and future implications.

Recommended For: Hospital & Health System Leaders | Clinical & Patient Care | Business, Operations & Innovation | CE: NHA & SW = 1.8

10:45am - 11:45am

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Thriving Under Pressure: Building Sustainable Performance in Healthcare

Ryan Bouda, Leadership & Change Consultant, LEAP Training & Coaching

What You'll Learn

- How burnout develops
- Strategies for maintaining energy and resilience
- Practical high-performance habits

Why Attend?

Gain tools to perform at a high level without sacrificing well-being.

Recommended For: All Attendees | CE: SW & NHA = 1.2

A View From Washington: Rural Health Updates from D.C. & Implications from RHTP

Zil Joyce Dixon Romero, MPM, Senior State Government Affairs Manager, National Rural Health Association

What You'll Learn

- Federal and state policy developments affecting rural health
- Recent regulatory changes
- RHTP impact on South Dakota communities and providers

Why Attend?

Stay informed on policy and regulatory changes impacting South Dakota providers.

Recommended For: Hospital & Health System Leaders | Business, Operations & Innovation | CE: NHA = 1.2

Session Schedule

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10:45am - 11:45am

BREAKOUT SESSIONS CONTINUED

Recovery Close to Home: Substance Use Disorder Care in Rural South Dakota

Dr. Maurice Chessmore, Medical Director, Douglas County Memorial Hospital

Jaclyn Woehl, CNP, Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services

Loretta Bryan, BSN, RN, CPHQ, Clinical Improvement Consultant, SDAHO

What You'll Learn

- Real-world case scenarios for substance use disorder
- Evidence-based treatment options
- Rural implementation successes

Why Attend?

Learn how rural hospitals can provide effective addiction treatment close to home.

Recommended For: Clinical & Patient Care | Hospital & Health System Leaders | CE: SW & NHA = 1.2

Safe Hands, Calm Minds

Christina Ruml, CDP, State Long Term Care Ombudsman, SD Department of Human Services - Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

Donna Fischer, CDP, ACL Program Administrator, SD Department of Human Services - Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

What You'll Learn

- Understanding distress and behavioral expressions
- De-escalation techniques
- Resident-centered care strategies

Why Attend?

Gain practical techniques to recognize unmet needs, respond effectively to challenging situations, and foster well-being while building staff confidence.

Recommended For: Post-Acute Care | CE: CDM/CFPP = 1.0, SW & NHA = 1.2

Margin Recovery without Layoffs: Operational Efficiency Levers Every Hospital Should Explore

Brandon Bishop, Principal Account Executive - Healthcare, Hyland

What You'll Learn

- How to identify hidden administrative inefficiencies that impact financial performance
- Opportunities to reduce manual work and improve information flow across the organization
- Strategies to strengthen margins while preserving workforce capacity

Why Attend?

Discover practical strategies to improve financial performance, reduce operational inefficiencies, and strengthen organizational resilience without reducing staff or compromising patient care.

Recommended For: Hospital & Health System Leaders | Business, Operations & Innovation | CE: NHA = 1.2

12:00pm - 1:30pm

LUNCH AND AWARDS

Join us for a special luncheon and awards celebration during SDAHO's 100th Annual Convention.

As we commemorate a century of advancing healthcare in South Dakota, we will recognize and honor the healthcare professionals, leaders, organizations, and partners whose dedication, innovation, and service have strengthened the health of our communities and helped shape healthcare across the state.

Following the awards presentation, attendees will hear from Olympic gold medalist and South Dakota native Billy Mills. A member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe, Billy's journey from the Pine Ridge Reservation to winning the 10,000-meter race at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics remains one of the most inspiring stories in sports history. Through personal stories and powerful lessons on resilience, purpose, and perseverance, Billy will deliver a message that reflects the commitment and determination demonstrated by healthcare professionals throughout South Dakota's past, present, and future.

Recommended For: All Attendees | CE: SW & NHA = .6

Session Schedule

THURSDAY | 9/17

1:45pm - 3:15pm

ACHE SESSION

Physicians & Leadership - The Critical Role of a Physician Executive in Organizational Strategy

What You'll Learn

- The unique leadership journey of physician executives and the value they bring to healthcare organizations
- Strategies to strengthen communication, trust, and collaboration between physician leaders and administrators
- How physician executives drive quality improvement, population health, and innovative care models to support value-based care

Why Attend?

Gain practical insights to build stronger physician-administrator partnerships and better leverage physician leadership to advance your organization's strategic goals.

Recommended For: Hospital & Health System Leaders | Clinical & Patient Care | CE: NHA = 1.8

1:45pm - 2:45pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Advancing Healthcare Delivery Through Simulation and Educational Preparedness

Travis Spier, MSN, RN, NR-Paramedic, FP-C, CCEMT-P, Enterprise Director, Sanford Health

What You'll Learn

- Benefits of simulation-based education
- Preparing teams for rare high-acuity events
- Improving workforce readiness

Why Attend?

Learn how simulation programs improve patient outcomes and team performance.

Recommended For: Hospital & Health System Leaders | Clinical & Patient Care | CE: SW & NHA = 1.2

Building the Rural Healthcare Workforce: The AHEC Approach

Carrie Peschl, Executive Director, Southeast SD Area Health Education Center

What You'll Learn

- Workforce pipeline development
- Recruitment and retention initiatives
- Community partnership strategies

Why Attend?

Discover how SD AHEC programs are helping address healthcare workforce shortages.

Recommended For: Hospital & Health System Leaders | Post-Acute Care | CE: NHA = 1.2

Clinical and Clinician Integrated Value Enhancement

Deepak Manmohan Goyal, MD, MBA, FACP, FACHE, Executive Medical Director, Monument Health

Bradley S. Haupt, MBA, CMRP, Vice President of Supply Chain & Contract Mgt., Monument Health

What You'll Learn

- Methods for reducing variation
- Aligning clinical and operational goals
- Strategies to improve value and outcomes

Why Attend?

Learn how value analysis can drive quality improvements while lowering costs.

Recommended For: Hospital & Health System Leaders | Clinical & Patient Care | Business, Operations & Innovation | CE: NHA = 1.2

When Things Blow Up: Recovering from a Building Explosion

Brad Dusatko, CHFM, CHC, Director of Support Services, Avera St. Anthony's Hospital

What You'll Learn

- Disaster response lessons learned
- Recovery planning considerations
- Organizational preparedness strategies

Why Attend?

Gain practical lessons to strengthen your organization's preparedness for health care disaster response, recovery, and resilience.

Recommended For: Hospital & Health System Leaders | Clinical & Patient Care | Business, Operations & Innovation | CE: SW & NHA = 1.2

Session Schedule

THURSDAY | 9/17

1:45pm - 2:45pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS CONTINUED

Fostering Resident, Family and Staff Relationships and Managing Conflicts

Cyndi Siders, MSN, RN, CPHRM, CPPS, DFASHRM, CEO/Executive Consultant, Siders HealthCare Consulting, LLC

What You'll Learn

- Communication techniques that build trust
- Complaint and grievance management
- Managing difficult conversations

Why Attend?

Strengthen relationships while reducing conflict and improving satisfaction.

Recommended For: Post-Acute Care | CE: CDM/CFPP = 1.0, SW & NHA = 1.2

Cybersecurity - Coming soon!

3:00pm - 4:00pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Paws & Pet: Exploring Animal - Assisted Care for Healthcare Professionals

Paula Lain Smykle, MSW, LCSW-PIP, Clinic Owner & Licensed Clinical Mental Health Therapist, Paula Lain Counseling & Co.

What You'll Learn

- Animal-assisted therapy fundamentals
- Clinical applications and benefits
- Therapy dog implementation considerations

Why Attend?

Experience the restorative benefits of animal-assisted interventions firsthand. (Limited to 30 attendees).

Recommended For: Clinical & Patient Care | Post-Acute Care | CE: SW & NHA = 1.2

Inside The Payer Friction Playbook: How Insurers Have Tilted the Field—And How to Even the Score

Mark Craig, Founder and CEO, Write-Off Warrior

What You'll Learn

- Common payer tactics that contribute to revenue loss, including denials, downcoding, and takebacks
- Emerging trends in payer requirements and credentialing practices
- Practical approaches for strengthening revenue cycle performance and financial sustainability

Why Attend?

Learn practical strategies to reduce revenue loss and strengthen financial performance in today's challenging payer environment.

Recommended For: Hospital & Health System Leaders | Business, Operations & Innovation | CE: NHA = 1.2

QI on the Run: Turning Data into Action

Holly Arends, QI Coordinator, South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care

Katy Burket, RN, Program Director, South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care

What You'll Learn

- Turning data into improvement initiatives
- Using simple dashboards effectively
- Rapid-cycle improvement techniques

Why Attend?

Leave with practical tools you can implement immediately to drive quality improvement.

Recommended For: Clinical & Patient Care | CE: NHA & SW = 1.2

Session Schedule

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3:00PM - 4:00PM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

What's New and What's Next for Nursing Homes

Jodi Eyigor, Vice President, Health Policy, LeadingAge

What You'll Learn

- Current federal policy updates
- Regulatory priorities
- Operational and compliance implications

Why Attend?

Stay ahead of policy and regulatory changes affecting long-term care.

Recommended For: Post-Acute Care | CE: CDM/CFPP = 1.0, SW & NHA = 1.2

Patients as Consumers: Building Trust and Loyalty in Modern Healthcare

Ashley Nelson, MS, BSN, RN, Strategic Advisor, Nursing, NRC Health

What You'll Learn

- Changing patient expectations
- Drivers of trust and loyalty
- Consumer-centered care strategies

Why Attend?

Learn practical strategies to build trust, strengthen loyalty, and improve the patient experience.

Recommended For: Hospital & Health System Leaders | Clinical & Patient Care | Post-Acute Care | CE: SW & NHA = 1.2

Active Threat Preparedness

Drew Moldenhauer, MS, Owner and Master Instructor of Blue Ethos Specialized Training

What You'll Learn

- Situational awareness techniques
- Active threat response strategies
- Lessons learned from real incidents

Why Attend?

Improve preparedness and confidence in responding to workplace threats.

Recommended For: All Attendees | CE: SW & NHA = 1.2

4:00pm - 6:00pm

100TH CELEBRATION SOCIAL

Join us at SDAHO's Annual Convention for an engaging exhibit experience featuring the latest products and services in healthcare. Explore innovative solutions from leading exhibitors, connect with peers, and enjoy great food, fun, and refreshments throughout the event.

FRIDAY | 9/18

7:30am - 8:30am

AFFILIATE MEMBER MEETINGS

Affiliate membership meetings provide dedicated time for each affiliate society to gather with their members, share updates, and focus on priorities unique to their group. These meetings offer an opportunity for meaningful discussion, networking, and collaboration in a more targeted setting during the convention.

8:45am - 9:45am

GENERAL SESSION

A Century Strong: The Story of SDAHO

Tim Rave, CEO, SDAHO, Stephanie Rissler, Marketing and Media Relations Manager, SDAHO

What You'll Learn

- Key milestones in SDAHO history
- How healthcare has evolved in South Dakota
- Opportunities for the future

Why Attend?

Celebrate 100 years of healthcare leadership and impact.

Recommended For: All Attendees | CE: SW & NHA = 1.2

Session Schedule

FRIDAY | 9/18

10:00am - 11:00am

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

2026 State of the Healthcare Industry

Jocelyn Herrington, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships, Advisory Board

What You'll Learn

- Emerging healthcare industry trends
- Changing stakeholder influence
- Strategic implications for providers

Why Attend?

Gain a forward-looking perspective on forces shaping healthcare.

Recommended For: Hospital & Health System Leaders | Business, Operations & Innovation | CE: SW & NHA = 1.2

Using AI to Improve Clinical Decision-Making: Lessons from the Asthma Guidance & Prediction System (APS)

Chung Wi, MD, Co-Director of AI Validation and Stewardship Program, Scientific Director of AI Program, Associate Director of Precision Population Science Lab and HOUSES Program, Mayo Health System

Young J. Juhn, MD, MPH, Research Chair, Co-Director for Clinical and Translational Science, Director of Precision Population Science Lab and HOUSES Program, Mayo Health Clinic

What You'll Learn

- AI governance principles
- Lessons from Mayo's Asthma Guidance & Prediction System
- Best practices for responsible AI adoption

Why Attend?

Learn from a real-world AI implementation that healthcare organizations can emulate.

Recommended For: Hospital & Health System Leaders | Clinical & Patient Care | Business, Operations & Innovation | CE: NHA = 1.2

Tuberculosis in South Dakota

Kristin Rounds, TB Control Program Manager, SD Department of Health

What You'll Learn

- Current TB epidemiology
- Statewide tuberculosis services
- Prevention and control recommendations

Why Attend?

Receive practical updates relevant to healthcare organizations across South Dakota.

Recommended For: Clinical & Patient Care | CE: NHA & SW = 1.2

Managing Risk in Long-Term Care: Proactive Strategies for Nursing Homes, Assisted Living, and Hospice Organizations

Cyndi Siders, MSN, RN, CPHRM, CPPS, DFASHRM, CEO/Executive Consultant, Siders HealthCare Consulting, LLC

What You'll Learn

- Common risk areas in long-term care
- Regulatory and liability considerations
- Strategies to reduce organizational risk

Why Attend?

Use real-world examples to strengthen risk management efforts.

Recommended For: Post-Acute Care | CE: CDM/CFPP = 1.0, SW & NHA = 1.2

11:15am - 12:15pm

CLOSING KEYNOTE

A Century of Impact Begins with One Life: Leadership Lessons from the Ring to the Rainforest

Justin Wren

What You'll Learn

- Lessons in resilience and perseverance
- Leadership through service
- Building lasting impact through purpose

Why Attend?

Leave energized and inspired to make a difference in your organization and community.

Recommended For: All Attendees | CE: SW & NHA = 1.2

SPECIAL EVENTS

GOLF

A longtime attendee favorite, join us Wednesday at Elmwood Golf Course for a relaxed outdoor gathering that brings attendees and partners together for meaningful networking and friendly competition in a casual setting.

TRADE SHOW

Take advantage of the SDAHO Exhibitor show to see the latest in health care products, services and technologies in one location. Trade show booths will feature local and national companies with the latest health care innovations.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Join us Thursday at noon for lunch and a celebratory event honoring outstanding achievements across the healthcare continuum. This program highlights individuals and organizations making a meaningful impact in patient care, leadership, innovation, and community health.

100TH CELEBRATION

Throughout the conference, we will celebrate our members with thoughtful gifts, wellness experiences, and opportunities to reflect on the past 100 years through shared stories, personal testimonials, and meaningful recognition.

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2027 EVENTS

Post-Acute Partners in Care Conference
April 21-22 | Sioux Falls

Rural Health Leaders Conference
June 23-24 | Pierre

Annual Convention
September 22-24 | Rapid City

For all the details, visit us at sdaho.org