



HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE  
COLLABORATORY 2025

# **FUTURE FOCUSED: ALIGNING HEALTHCARE EDUCATION, POLICY AND WORKFORCE**

DECEMBER 9, 2025  
THE CAMPBELL HOUSE, LEXINGTON

# AGENDA

9:00 AM

## FRAMING THE FUTURE

Dr. Leslie Sizemore, Vice President of Workforce and Economic Development, Council on Postsecondary Education  
Representative Kim Moser

9:30 AM

## THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE: STATE AND FEDERAL INSIGHTS ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE

Austin Reid, Federal Affairs Advisor, National Conference of State Legislators

10:15 AM

## IGNITING THE NEXT GENERATION: KHA'S PUSH TO ELEVATE HEALTHCARE CAREERS

Kayla Williams, Director of Human Resources and Workforce Development, Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA)

11:00 AM

## BUILDING THE HUMAN MARGIN IN HEALTHCARE AT EVERY LEVEL

Dr. Katherine A. Meese, Chief Executive Officer of HuMargin Group and Adjunct Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham

12:00 PM

## NETWORKING LUNCHEON AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY FOR HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT FUND AWARDEES

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1:30 PM

### **STAYING THE COURSE: WHAT TODAY'S HEALTHCARE STUDENTS NEED TO PERSIST**

Michaela Steverson, Program Manager of Healthcare Workforce Initiatives  
Council on Postsecondary Education

Panelists:

- Maddax Gortney, student at University of Kentucky
- Anna Luu, student at University of Kentucky
- Jay Parrent, Vice President, Madisonville Community College
- Dr. Jamie Woolery, Student Engagement Director, Eastern Kentucky University

2:15 PM

### **GROW YOUR OWN: STUDENT PATHWAYS AND UPSKILLING EMPLOYEES**

Dr. Leslie Sizemore, Vice President of Workforce and Economic Development  
Council on Postsecondary Education

Panelists:

- Dylan Baker, Assistant Vice President of Workforce Initiatives, Appalachian Regional Healthcare
- Dr. Melissa Bennett, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nursing Executive, CHI St. Joseph Health
- Kim Blanding, Talent Acquisition & Workforce Development, Norton Healthcare

3:00 PM

### **CHARTING WHAT'S NEXT: CLOSING REFLECTIONS AND LOOKING AHEAD**

Dr. Leslie Sizemore, Vice President of Workforce and Economic Development  
Council on Postsecondary Education

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