

30TH ANNUAL DELAWARE HEALTHCARE FORUM

HOSTED BY THE DELAWARE HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION

BUILDING WHAT'S NEXT: THE FUTURE OF DELAWARE HEALTHCARE

October 29, 2026 | 7:30 AM - 3 PM | Bally's Dover Casino Resort, Dover, DE

7:30 AM - 9 AM Breakfast & Networking

9 AM Welcome Remarks

Brian Frazee, President & CEO, Delaware Healthcare Association

9:10 AM Executive Branch Remarks

(Invited)

Panel: Strengthening Delaware's Healthcare Workforce

Members of the First State Health Leaders Alliance will highlight the challenges and opportunities/solutions to support the health workforce

9:15 AM

Panelists Moderator: Jules Emory, Senior Director of Policy, Delaware Healthcare Association

- Brian Frazee, President & CEO, Delaware Healthcare Association
 - Sue Getman, Executive Director, Delaware Association for Home & Community Care
 - Cheryl Heiks, Executive Director, Delaware Health Care Facilities Association
 - Jim McCracken, President & CEO, LeadingAge New Jersey & Delaware
 - Carolyn Petrak, Executive Director, ABILITY Network of Delaware
 - Kate Smith, MD, MPH, Executive Director, Delaware Academy of Medicine & Public Health
 - Mark Thompson, MHSA, Executive Director, Medical Society of Delaware
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10 AM Break

**10:30 AM Keynote: Delaware's First Surgeon General
Dr. Neil Hockstein**

11 AM A Deep Dive on Federal Issues

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11:45 AM

Lunch

1 PM

**DHA Awards Presentation:
2026 Legislator of the Year**

1:15 PM

**Executive Leadership Panel:
Mission-Driven Focus in Challenging Times**

Hospital C-Suite will have a candid discussion on healthcare, addressing broad healthcare pressures impacting the industry, affordability, workplace safety, Delaware's growing and aging population, and Medicaid headwinds.

Panelists

Moderator: Brian Frazee

- Kyle Benoit, EVP, Chief Operating Officer, Bayhealth
 - LeAnn Harris, DNP, MHA, RN, NEA-BC, Interim CEO, Saint Francis Hospital
 - Laura Kowal, Esq., President, Delaware Valley, Nemours Children's Health
 - Jenn Schwartz, Esq., President & CEO, ChristianaCare
 - Penny Short, MSM, BSN, RN, President, TidalHealth Nanticoke
 - David Tam, MBA, CPHE, FACHE, President & CEO, Beebe Healthcare
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2 PM

Break

2:20 PM

Keynote: Ryan Campbell

Finding your joy through adversity

3:15 PM

Closing Remarks



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