

MIDDLE TENNESSEE REGIONAL EVENT AGENDA

FOCUS: THE FULL PICTURE: HEALTH, SAFETY, AND AGING IN RURAL TENNESSEE

APRIL 16, 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH - SEWANEE, TN

The speakers, topics and times are subject to change.

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Topic: Welcome and Introductions

Speaker: Jacy Warrell, CEO - Rural Health Association of Tennessee

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Topic: Coordinated School Health in Action: Supporting Student and Staff Wellness in Grundy County

Speaker: Mary Lee Boyd, Grundy County Schools/Coordinated School Health

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Topic: Understanding the Needs and Contributions of Older Adults in Sewanee, TN

Presenter: Global Health Governance/University of South Students

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Topic: Trauma-Informed Care in Action

Speaker: Monique "Moe" Butler, BA OAC Trainer - Volunteer Behavior Health Care

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SEWANEE: THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH SEWANEE, TN

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Topic: Addressing a Public Health Crisis: The Impact of Firearms on Our Community

Speaker: Dave Bhattacharya, MD Pediatric Trauma Medical Director - Erlanger

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Topic: Voices from the Field: Community Health Worker Experiences in Rural Health Systems

Speaker: Global Health Governance/University of South Students

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Topic: From Vulnerability to Prevention: Understanding Human Trafficking

Speaker: Sarah McKinnis, CEO/Co-Founder - Willowbend Farms

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Topic: TDH and RHA Updates

Speaker: Marcus Flatt, TDH - State Office of Rural Health and Health Access

Speaker: Jacy Warrell, CEO - RHA

3:00 p.m.

Partner Updates and Announcements - Open Discussion