

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

MARCH 3, 2026



HOUSTON, TEXAS

PRACTITIONER WORKSHOP

AUPHA's Academic Program and Practitioner Workshop is scheduled to be held at the **Marriott Marquis** in Houston, Texas, on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 7:30 - 11:30AM CT. AUPHA's Graduate Program Committee, led by co-chairs Kevin Broom, PhD, MBA, and Kimberly Enard, PhD, MBA, MHSA, FACHE, has planned an exciting and informative Workshop, including a Keynote Presentation followed by two expert panels.

ACHE/AUPHA Joint Address and Breakfast 7:30 - 9:00AM

Leading with Stamina: Purposeful Resilience in a Shifting Healthcare Landscape

It is not uncommon for a healthcare administrator to field a comment that fits the following description: "It's a difficult time to be a leader in healthcare." And there is, indeed, a long list of complex situations and issues that leaders confront daily.

But "today" being difficult is not new. Leadership has been difficult for several generations. More than likely, the issues are more complex today, and quite possibly the list of issues is longer than ever. Leaders are therefore confronted with a truism: Leadership is hard every day; patient care is hard every day; the delivery of care by all inside of health systems is hard every day.

If this is true, stamina becomes a core skill that leaders need to develop. But stamina in leadership is more complex than the stamina that comes from athletic activity. Systems, approaches and team building are required to help healthcare leaders build the stamina needed to make tomorrow better than today.



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Cultivating Intentional, Purpose-Driven Leaders for a Rapidly Changing Healthcare Environment

PANEL ONE: INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVES AND IMPLICATIONS (9:15 - 10:15AM)

MODERATOR



Kimberly Enard,
PhD, MBA, MHSA, FACHE
Saint Louis University

PANELISTS



Ryan D. Van Ramshorst,
MD, MPH, FAAP, CHCQM
Texas Health and Human
Services Commission



George Fereg,
MBA
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Nicholas Tejeda,
MHSA, FACHE
Western Group for Tenet
Healthcare



Mital Brahmbhatt,
MHA, LMSW
Memorial Hermann

PANEL TWO: ACADEMIC INSIGHTS AND IMPERATIVES (10:30 - 11:30AM)

MODERATOR



Kevin Broom,
PhD, MBA
University of Pittsburgh

PANELISTS



Michael Richards,
MD, PhD, MPH
Cornell University



Dolma Sherpa
Johns Hopkins University



Karen Volmar,
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Jonathan Waller,
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