

# 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**

(Marriott Marquis - Houston Ballroom 5)

### **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.*



**Edward Jimenez, MBA**  
President and CEO  
Main Line Health,  
Pennsylvania

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

(Marriott Marquis - Texas C)

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

*MODERATOR*

*PANELISTS*



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



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



**George Fereg,**  
MBA  
MD Anderson



**Nicholas Tejada,**  
MHSA, FACHE  
Western Group for Tenet  
Healthcare



**Mital Brahmhatt,**  
MHA, LMSW  
Memorial Hermann

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

*MODERATOR*

*PANELISTS*



**Kevin Broom,**  
PhD, MBA  
University of Pittsburgh



**Michael Richards,**  
MD, PhD, MPH  
Cornell University



**Dolma Sherpa**  
Johns Hopkins University



**Karen Volmar,**  
JD, MPH, FACHE  
University of North  
Carolina at Chapel Hill



**Jonathan Waller,**  
MHSA  
UF Health