

# EAST TENNESSEE REGIONAL EVENT AGENDA

FOCUS: WORKFORCE, PARTNERSHIPS & ACCESS IN EAST TENNESSEE

MARCH 26, 2026

WALTERS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SEVIERVILLE, TN

The speakers, topics and times are subject to change.

**9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.**

**Topic:** Welcome and Introductions

**Speaker:** Rural Health Association of Tennessee

**9:10 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Topic:** Partnerships that Support Workforce Development

**Moderator:** Beth Keylon, RHA

**Panelists #1:** Linda Nelms Walters State Community College

**Panelist #2:** Jennifer Ritter, The Magnolia Project

**Panelist #3:** Charla McPeake MSN, RN, Tennessee Tech University Whitson-Hester School of Nursing

**Panelist #4:** Kelli Chaney, President at TCAT Knoxville

**10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

**Topic:** Community Health Worker Specialties

**Moderator:** Jacy Warrell, RHA

**Panelist #1:** Michelle Webster, TN Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

**Panelist #2:** John Bruce, Men's Health Network

**Panelist #3:** TBA

**10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Topic:** Care Coordination

**Speaker:** Tennessee Community Compass

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**11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

*Lunch*

**12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Topic:** Charitable Care in Rural Communities

**Moderator:** TBA

**Panelist #1:** Elleleigh (Michelle) Borowski, Church Hill Medical Mission

**Panelist #2:** Deborah T. Chumley, Servolution Health Services

**Panelist #3:** Jessica Massengill, Free Medical Clinic

**1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

**Topic:** Mobile Unit as Solutions in Rural Communities

**Moderator:** TBA

**Panelist #1:** St. Mary's Legacy Clinic

**Panelist #2:** UTC Chattanooga Mobile MOC

**Panelist #3:** Ballad Health Mobile Health Clinic

**Panelist #4:** McMinn Area Resource Van

**2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

**Topic:** TDH and RHA Updates

**Speaker:** Ann Cranford, Director of Provider Recruitment at the State Office of Rural Health & Health Access / Jacy Warrell, CEO at RHA

**2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

*Partner Updates and Announcements - Open Discussion*