



2026 Social Mission Alliance Conference Program [DRAFT]

Last updated 2/24/26

March 29 - Day 0

Time	Session
12:00 - 8:00 pm	Pre-conference events and internal meetings/events
5:00 - 8:00 pm	Exhibitor set-up, poster drop-off, early registration

March 30 - Day 1

Time	Session
7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast, Posters, Exhibitors, Registration
8:00 - 8:15 am	Welcome
8:00 - 9:15 am	Opening Keynote <i>Beverly Malone, PhD, RN, FAAN, President and CEO, National League for Nursing</i>
9:15 - 10:15 am	Plenary Panel - "Funding the Future in a Shifting Landscape" <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Joseph Betancourt, MD, MPH, President of The Commonwealth Fund</i>• <i>Sam Gill, President and CEO of the Doris Duke Foundation</i>• <i>Louis Muglia, MD, PhD, President and CEO of the Burroughs Wellcome Fund</i>• <i>Claire Pomeroy, MD, MBA, President of the Lasker Foundation</i>
10:15 - 10:30 am	Break & refreshments
10:30 - 12:00 pm	Program (Panels, Workshops)
12:00 - 1:40 pm	Macy Awards Luncheon

1:40 - 3:10 pm	Program (Panels, Workshops)
3:10 - 4:20 pm	Community Session
4:20 - 5:30 pm	Posters, Exhibitors
5:00 - 6:00 pm	For Us All campaign gathering

March 31 - Day 2 (half day)

Time	Session
6:00 - 6:45 am	30-Minutes of Movement (optional wellness activity)
7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast, Posters, Exhibitors
8:00 - 9:00 am	Plenary Panel - "The Great Retrenchment: Resisting the Rollback of Equity" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan Cook, PhD, Director of Higher Education Policy at the Urban Institute • Charlene Green, Psy.D, Assistant Dean of Admissions at UC Davis School of Medicine • Kathryn Philips, MPH, Associate Director, Improving Access at the California Health Care Foundation • Alejandro Quiñones Baltazar, Medical Student, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
9:00 - 10:00 am	Program (Wicked Problems, Ignite Sessions, Panels)
10:00 - 10:15 am	Break & refreshments
10:15 - 11:15 am	Program (Wicked Problems, Ignite Sessions, Panels)
11:15 - 11:30 am	Break
11:30 - 12:30 pm	Closing Keynote Michael Forde, DrPH, MSPH , Public Health Expert
12:30 - 1:00 pm	Wrap-Up
1:00 - 4:00 pm	Post-conference (Building a Health Workforce That Stays: Optimizing Retention and Return in California)