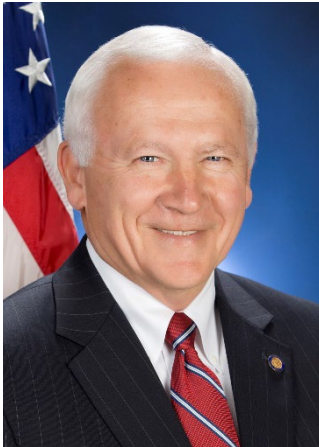


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## Health Care Summit Speakers



### **Sen. Gene Yaw**

Sen. Yaw is chairman of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania. He represents the 23rd Senatorial District, which includes Bradford, Lycoming, Sullivan, and Union counties and portions of Susquehanna County. Sen. Yaw serves as chairman of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee. He also serves as vice chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and as a member of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Banking and Insurance, Rules and Executive Nominations, and Urban Affairs and Housing committees. He attended Bucknell University, and earned degrees from Lycoming College and the American University School of Law in Washington, D.C.



### **Dr. Kyle Kopko**

Kyle is the director of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania. Before he joined the Center, Kyle served as Associate Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Research, and Planning, and Associate Professor of Political Science at Elizabethtown College. He earned his Ph.D. in political science from The Ohio State University in 2010, with a concentration in public law and judicial politics.



### **Dr. Nancy Falvo**

Nancy is the Center for Rural Pennsylvania Board Secretary and represents faculty from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) on the Center's Board. Dr. Falvo received a bachelor's degree from Duquesne University, a master's degree in nursing from LaRoche College, and a doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh.



**Joanne Corte Grossi**

Joanne is the Pennsylvania State President of AARP. She has also served as the Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Region III, Pennsylvania Deputy Secretary of Health, and the first- ever Pennsylvania Director of the Office of Women’s Services. Joanne earned her master’s degree in International Public Policy at the Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies and completed additional graduate work at the Johns Hopkins University’s School of Public Health and Hygiene.



**Steven Ross**

Steven serves as Special Assistant to the Secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP). He has served in this role since March 2020. Prior to joining DDAP, Steven spent 21 years in the drug and alcohol field in the Single County Authority system, beginning as a Fiscal Officer and ending as the SCA Administrator.



**Dr. Omrana Pasha-Razzak**

Omrana is a Professor of Medicine and Public Health Sciences and Attending Physician with the Division of Hospital Medicine at Penn State Hershey Medical Center and Penn State College of Medicine. She attended medical school at Aga Khan Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan, and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Mount Sinai Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City.



**Thomas Kurtz**

Thomas is the current President and CEO of Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center at Windber (Windber Hospital) and Chan Soon-Shiong Institute of Molecular Medicine at Windber. Mr. Kurtz is Chairman of the Rural Health Redesign Center Organization (RHRCO) Board. Mr. Kurtz received his bachelor’s degree in Psychology at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and an MBA in Medical Practice Management at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis.



**Lisa Davis**

Lisa is the Director of the Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health and Outreach Associate Professor of Health Policy and Administration at Penn State. Lisa is responsible for the overall direction and leadership of the state office of rural health, including ensuring that the office meets its mission of being a source of networking, coordination, and technical assistance to organizations focused on rural health care delivery; developing and sustaining linkages with state and national partners; and seeking ways to expand the office's role in enhancing the health status of rural Pennsylvanians. Lisa has a graduate degree in Health Administration from Penn State.