

Emerging Technology Committee (ETC)

Kansas Rural Health Transformation Program

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Name	Title	Organization	Subject Matter Expertise
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Alisha Hermann	CEO	Edwards County Medical Center; President, HIMSS Chapter	Rural Hospital Leadership
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Chris Harper	Chief Information Officer and Senior Associate Vice Chancellor of AI	University of Kansas Health System	AI and Hospital Technology
Dick Flanigan, Liz Shaffer	President/Program Director	Digital Health KC	Digital Health/AI
Doug Stacy	Chief Information Officer	Labette Health	Hospital Technology
Kyle Kessler	Executive Director	Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas	Provider Association
Monte Coffman	Executive Director	Windsor Place Holdings, Inc.	Long-term care
Nathan Gause, MD	Physician	University Health	Provider Representative
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Name	Title	Organization	Proposed Role
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Facilitators and Organization Representatives

Name	Title	Organization	Role
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Martie Ross	Operations Director	Care Collaborative	Representative
Kristin Ebert	Product and Platform Executive	Center for Rural Health Innovation, Bio STL	Representative
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