



## Protecting the Freedom to Give

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November 18–21, 2025 • Arlington, VA

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### Tuesday, November 18

- 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.      **Breakfast and Hill Training**
- 10:00 – 5:00 p.m.      **Meetings on the Hill**
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.      **Dinner**

### Wednesday, November 19

- 1:00 p.m.              **Registration Opens**
- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.      **Opening Plenary**  
Cara V. James, President & CEO, Grantmakers In Health (Moderator)  
Nat Chioke Williams, Executive Director, Hill Snowdon Foundation  
Tonia Wellons, President & CEO, Greater Washington Community Foundation
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m.      **Break**
- 3:15 – 5:30 p.m.      **Standing Strong for Medicaid**  
Presentation by Yvette Fontenot, CEO, Health Impact Policy Partners and Ellen Montz, Managing Director, Manatt Health  
  
Hemi Tewarson, Executive Director, National Academy for State Health Policy (Moderator)  
Tiffany Donelson, President & CEO, Connecticut Health Care Foundation  
Robert Gordon, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University  
George A. Jones, CEO, Bread for the City  
Cindy Zeldin, Vice President of Health Policy and Government Affairs, Georgia Health Initiative

## Thursday, November 20

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Registration & Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. The Future of SNAP: Restocking our Nation’s Cupboard**  
**Julia McCarthy**, Senior Program Officer, New York Health Foundation (Moderator)  
**Allison DeHoney**, CEO and Founder, Buffalo Go Green  
**Dottie Rosenbaum**, Senior Fellow & Director of Federal SNAP Policy, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities  
**Michael Wilson**, Deputy Commissioner Social Services, State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services
- 9:45 – 11:00 a.m. The Health Costs of Immigration Policy**  
**Jill Shumann**, VP for Programming, Grantmakers In Health (Moderator)  
**Erin Brown**, Chief Impact Officer, Colorado Health Foundation  
**Julian Lazalde**, Program Manager of Policy and Advocacy, Healthy Communities Foundation  
**Mara Youdelman**, Managing Director, Federal Advocacy, National Health Law Program
- 11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break**
- 11:15 – 12:30 p.m. Telling Our Story: Communicating the Role of Health Foundation**  
**Kate Treanor**, Senior Program Director and Strategic Advisor, Grantmakers In Health (Moderator)  
**Danielle Blake**, Director, FGS Global  
**Joann Yoon Kang**, Vice President of Strategic Communications, Georgia Health Initiative  
**Matt Kuhlenbeck**, President & CEO, Greater Rochester Health Foundation  
**Chrystal Okonta**, Director, FGS Global
- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lauren LeRoy Lecture Luncheon**  
**Keshia Pollack Porter**, Dean, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- 2:00 – 2:15 p.m. Break**
- 2:15 – 3:30 p.m. The Path Forward for Health Equity**  
**Cara V. James**, President and CEO, Grantmakers In Health (Moderator)  
**Monica Biswas**, Director, ProInspire

**Lisa Brody**, COO and General Counsel, Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg

**Erika Seth Davies**, CEO, Rhia Ventures

- 3:30 – 3:45 p.m.**      **Break**
- 3:45 – 5:15 p.m.**      **Workshop: Funder Responses to the New Policy Environment**
- 5:15 – 5:30 p.m.**      **End of Day Reflections**
- 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**      **Reception**

### **Friday, November 21**

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.**      **Registration & Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.**      **The Law as a Lever: Legal Strategies for Health Funders**  
**Harry Sandick**, Partner, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP  
**Susan Vignola**, Partner, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP
- 9:45 – 11:00 a.m.**      **The Unbreakable Link Between Health and Democracy**  
**Laleh Ispahani**, Managing Director, Programs, Open Society Foundations
- 11:00 – 11:15 a.m.**      **Break**
- 11:15 – 12:45 p.m.**      **Workshop: Defining Our Shared Direction**
- 12:45 – 1:00 p.m.**      **Closing Remarks**
- 1:00 p.m.**              **Grab-and-Go Lunch**