

## Registration

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**ACTION Health**  
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(570) 275-9150

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[www.actionhealthpa.org](http://www.actionhealthpa.org)

## Speakers

**Sharon Larson, Ph.D.**, Research Investigator and Co-Director of the Rural Health Policy Institute at Geisinger Center for Health Research

Dr. Larson completed her PhD in Medical Sociology at the University of Nebraska and a post-doctoral fellowship in Psychiatric Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. Her research focuses on community and rural health, behavioral health, substance abuse, and childhood obesity. She is the principal investigator for the five-county community needs assessment.

**Lisa Davis, MHA**, Director of the Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health

Lisa Davis is responsible for the overall direction and leadership of the state's office of rural health, one of 50 state offices of rural health in the country. Lisa holds an undergraduate degree in Sociology/Psychology from Clarion University of Pennsylvania and a Masters degree in Health Administration from Penn State.

## About ACTION Health

*ACTION Health is a collaborative partnership in the Central Susquehanna River Valley that provides community health outreach and education.*

*ACTION Health is sponsored by and partners with 6 local hospitals and 2 universities, including:*

- Berwick Hospital Center
- Bloomsburg Hospital
- Bloomsburg University
- Evangelical Community Hospital
- Geisinger Health System
- Shamokin Area Community Hospital
- Sunbury Community Hospital
- Susquehanna University

*ACTION Health manages 4 Task Force groups, which organize and implement community health programs. Current task forces include:*

- Aging & Wellness
- Cancer
- Community Wellness
- Dental

*ACTION Health also serves as the designated SHIP (state health improvement plan) partner with the PA Department of Health.*

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# Community Health Regional Summit



*A conference for health care providers & administrators, social service workers, community leaders and community members. The purpose is to enhance knowledge regarding community health and initiate action to address health needs.*

**Thursday, September 30, 2010  
8:30am - 3:30pm**

**Degenstein Campus Center  
Susquehanna University**

## Community Health Regional Summit

ACTION Health is hosting a Community Health Regional Summit on Thursday, September 30, 2010 at the Degenstein Campus Center at Susquehanna University. The cost for this event is \$20.00/person; student rate of \$15.00/person.

The findings of our recent Community Needs Assessment will be presented, as well as information regarding local impacts of healthcare reform. The afternoon will include breakout sessions to create action plans to address local needs.

This event is made possible through grant funds from the Degenstein Foundation and in-kind support from Susquehanna University and Geisinger Center for Health Research.

### “Rural Pennsylvania Counts: An Assessment of Need in Central PA”

A five-county community needs assessment was commissioned by ACTION Health for Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties. The assessment was conducted by the Geisinger Center for Health Research. The needs assessment included focus groups conducted with ACTION Health board members, community leaders and agency representatives to characterize need in the community. Insight interviews were then conducted with social service recipients. The third phase of the study was a survey of area residents randomly selected to participate.

This Assessment focused on evaluating the current status of access and barriers to use of regional health and human services, as well as the specific health issues affecting our community. Assessment findings have been analyzed and are ready to be presented to the community.

## Schedule of Events

- 8:30 - 9:00: Registration
- 9:00 - 9:30: Welcoming remarks
- 9:30 - 10:15: Sharon Larson, Ph.D. - *“Rural Pennsylvania Counts”*
- 10:15 - 10:45: Break
- 10:45 - 11:30: Sharon Larson, Ph.D. - *“Rural Pennsylvania Counts” (cont.)*
- 11:30 - 12:30: Lisa Davis, MHA *“Health Care Reform in the U.S.: The History, the Issues & the Plan”*
- 12:30 - 1:15: Lunch
- 1:15 - 2:45: Break-out sessions
- 2:45 - 3:30: Summary of break-out sessions; closing remarks

## Break-out Sessions

The goal of the afternoon break-out sessions is to link community organizations with similar goals related to the break-out session topics and drive these newly formed committees into action to address community needs that are not within the goals or programming of ACTION Health. Break-out session topics will include:

- **Transportation:** community need for expanded public transportation
- **Mental Health/Substance Abuse:** limited availability of specialty services, inpatient services and residents’ lack of referral knowledge
- **Coordination of community service information & referrals:** area residents do not know where to obtain information about available social & support services
- **Child Care:** need for expanded affordable child care

## General Conference Info

Parking will be available in designated parking areas at Susquehanna University; look for signs. Organizations are encouraged to send multiple staff and group checks are accepted; however, be sure to complete one registration form/participant. Breakfast is on your own; refreshments will be provided during breaks. For questions, contact ACTION Health at: (570) 275-9150.

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Pre-registration is required for this event. Please complete this form, detach from the brochure and return, with your check written to “ACTION Health” for \$20.00/person (\$15.00 student discount), to the address shown on the back **no later than September 24, 2010**. Please complete one registration form per person.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please select your lunch choice:

- Oven Roasted Turkey & Provolone Sandwich
- Sliced Ham & Jarlsberg Swiss Sandwich
- Vine ripened tomato, fresh mozzarella, basil & olive oil sandwich
- Chicken Caesar Salad

### Please register for your afternoon break-out session (indicate 1st choice & 2nd choice)

1st choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd choice: \_\_\_\_\_

### Break-out sessions include:

- Transportation
- Mental Health/Substance Abuse
- Coordination of community service information & referrals
- Child Care

