



KHA Advocacy Day January 22, 2026

The Beacon

**Kansas Hospital
ASSOCIATION**

420 SW 9th Street, Topeka, KS 66612

This year's event at The Beacon is conveniently located within walking distance of the Capitol. We encourage all hospital representatives to invite their state legislators to the luncheon or arrange one-on-one meetings at their convenience.

Agenda

8:30 a.m. Welcome and KHA-PAC Updates

Chad Austin, Kansas Hospital Association
Val Gleason, PAC Vice Chair and Incoming Chair

8:55 a.m. The Importance of Advocacy Work

Panel Discussion Moderated by Tara Mays, Kansas Hospital Association

Panelists:

- Jason Watkins, Former Kansas State Representative
- Rep. Susan Concannon, Former House Majority Caucus Chair and State Representative
- Josh Svaty, Former Kansas Secretary of Agriculture and State Representative

9:30 a.m. Live Demo KHA Advocacy Outreach Tool

Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Hospital Association Staff

9:45 a.m. KHA Advocacy All-Star Graduation

10:00 a.m. Happenings in the House

Majority Leader Rep. Chris Croft (R- Overland Park)

10:15 a.m. Senate Minority Leader

Sen. Dinah Sykes (D-Lenexa)

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Topics Overview Discussion

Kansas Hospital Association Staff

11:00 a.m. Senate Majority Leader Perspective

Majority Leader Sen. Chase Blasi (R-Wichita)

11:15 a.m. Using Federal Rankings to Build Advocacy and Support

Julie Lorenz, Burns & McDonnell Former Kansas Secretary of Transportation

11:40 a.m. Closing Comments

Kansas Hospital Association Staff

Noon Advocacy Day Lunch at State House

Informal meet and greet with legislators to discuss issues facing Kansas hospitals.

1:30 p.m. Adjourn



R E G I S T R A T I O N

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Registration To help offset the venue and meal expenses, we are charging a nominal registration fee. The registration fee for Kansas Hospital Association members is \$50 per person. The registration fee for non-members is \$250. Fees include continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments and program materials.

Refund Policy A full refund will be given for cancellations received by KHA prior to Jan. 16. No refund will be given for cancellations received on or after Jan. 16. Registrations may be transferred to another individual.

Two Easy Ways to Register

Online – <https://registration.kha-net.org> (Visa, MasterCard and American Express are accepted)

Mail – your registration and check to: Kansas Hospital Association, 215 S.E. 8th Ave., Topeka, Kansas 66603-3906

Organization Information

Hospital: _____

Organization Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____

Attendees - Hospital Staff and Trustees (List names as you want them to appear on name badges.)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Title: _____

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Registration Fees

(per person)

KHA Members	\$50
Non-members	\$250

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Special Services: The Kansas Hospital Association wishes to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded or denied services due to the absence of auxiliary aides or services. If you need any of the aides or services identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact Melissa Willey at (785) 233-7436 or mwilley@kha-net.org.

Attire: Business attire is suggested for this event with layers suggested to accommodate varying temperatures. For walking to the State House, bring a coat, gloves, and comfortable footwear suitable for outdoor conditions.

Find Your Legislator: To find your state legislators, visit www.kslegislature.gov and click on "Find Your Legislator" on the left-hand side, then enter your hospital address. Don't forget to register online at www.kha-net.org.